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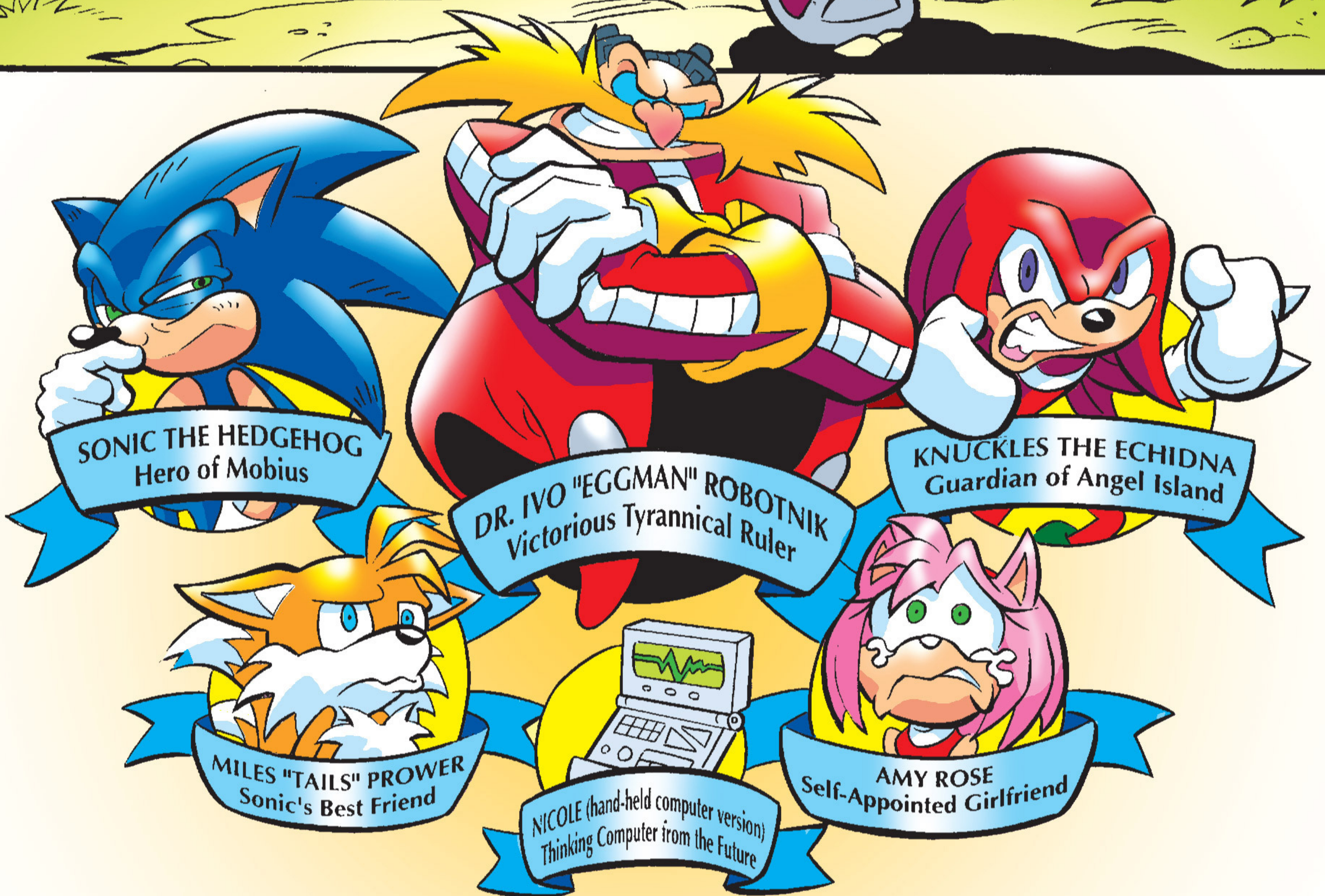
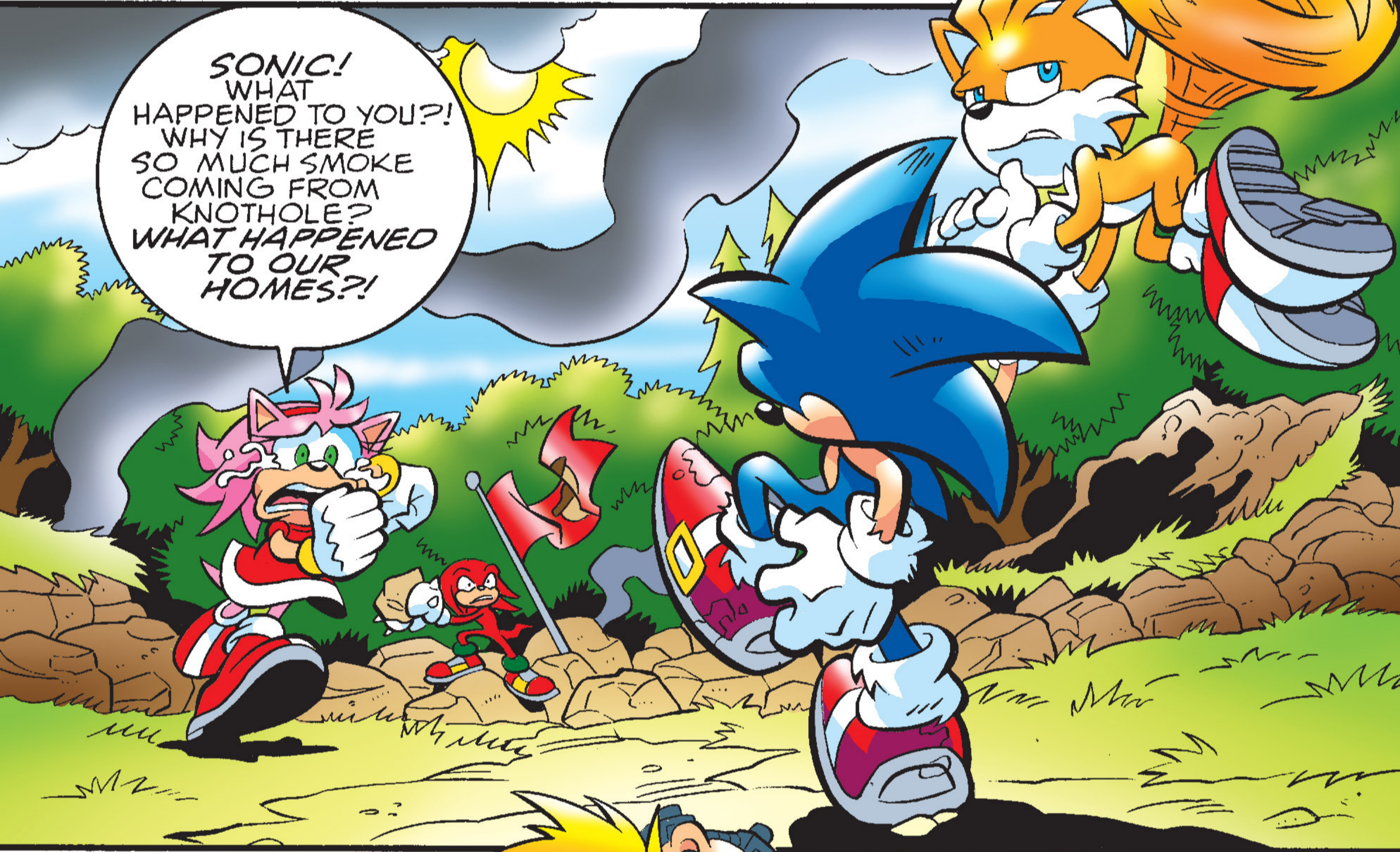
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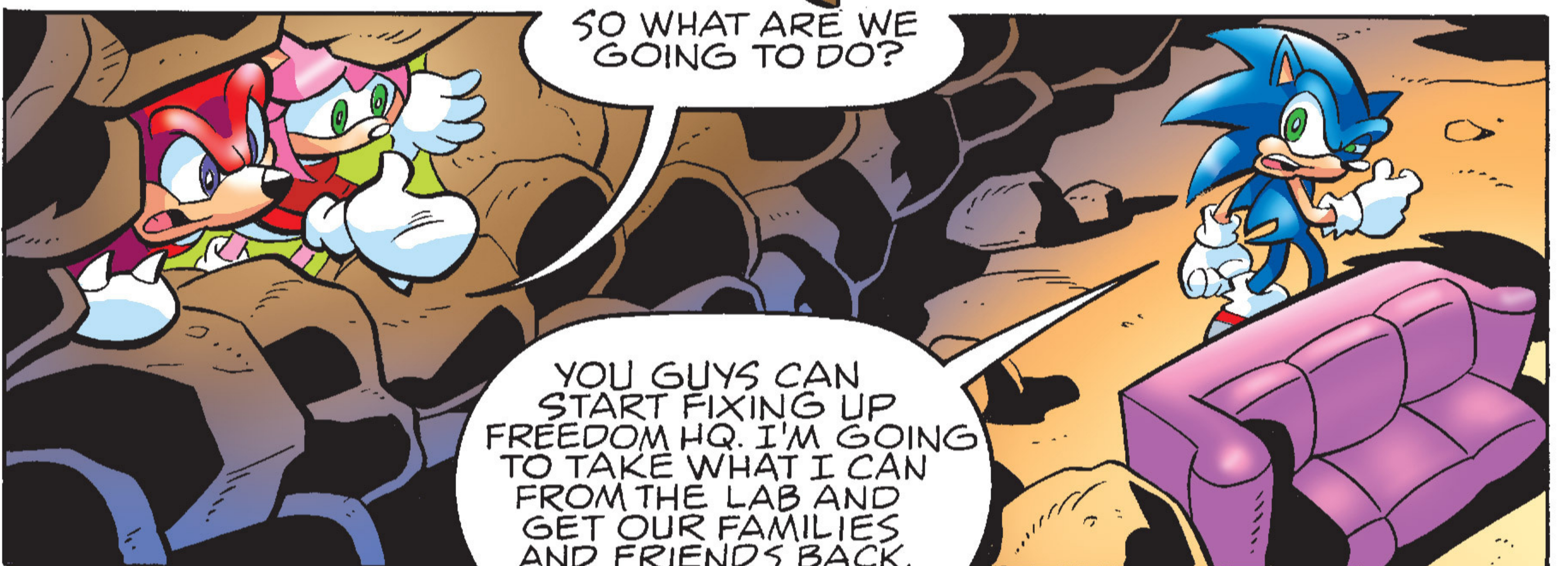
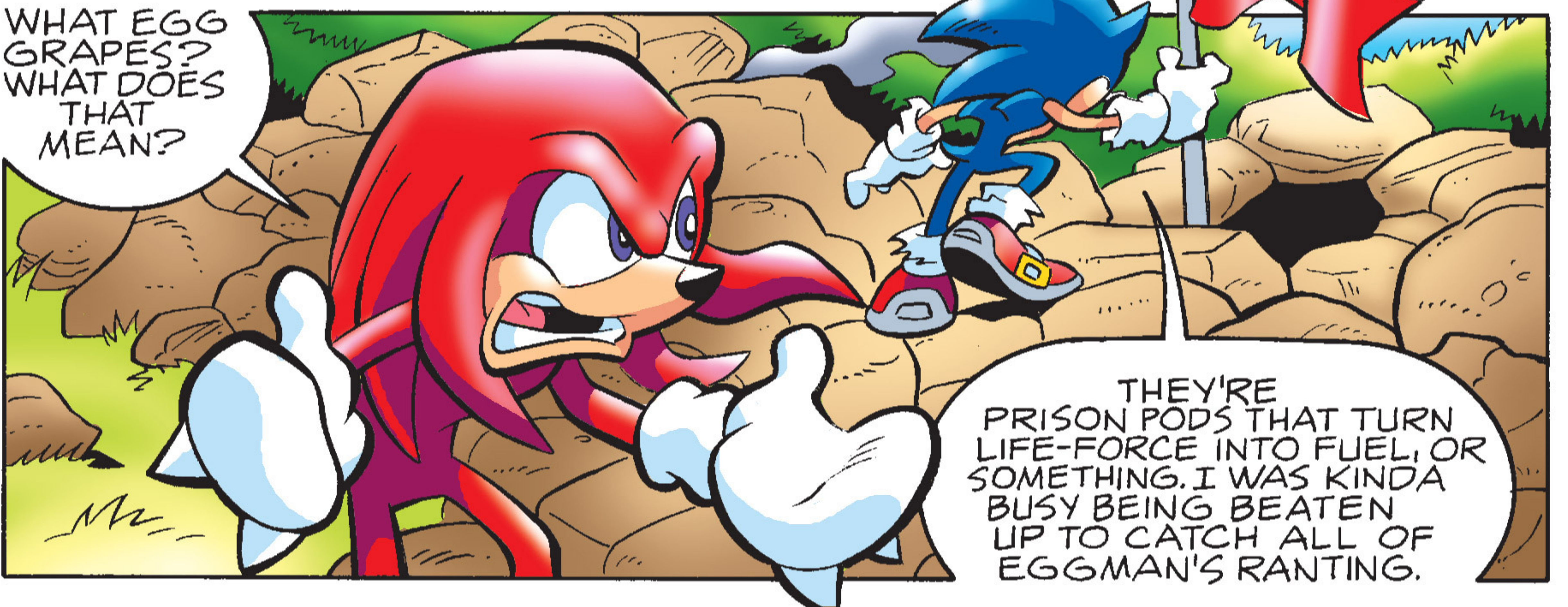
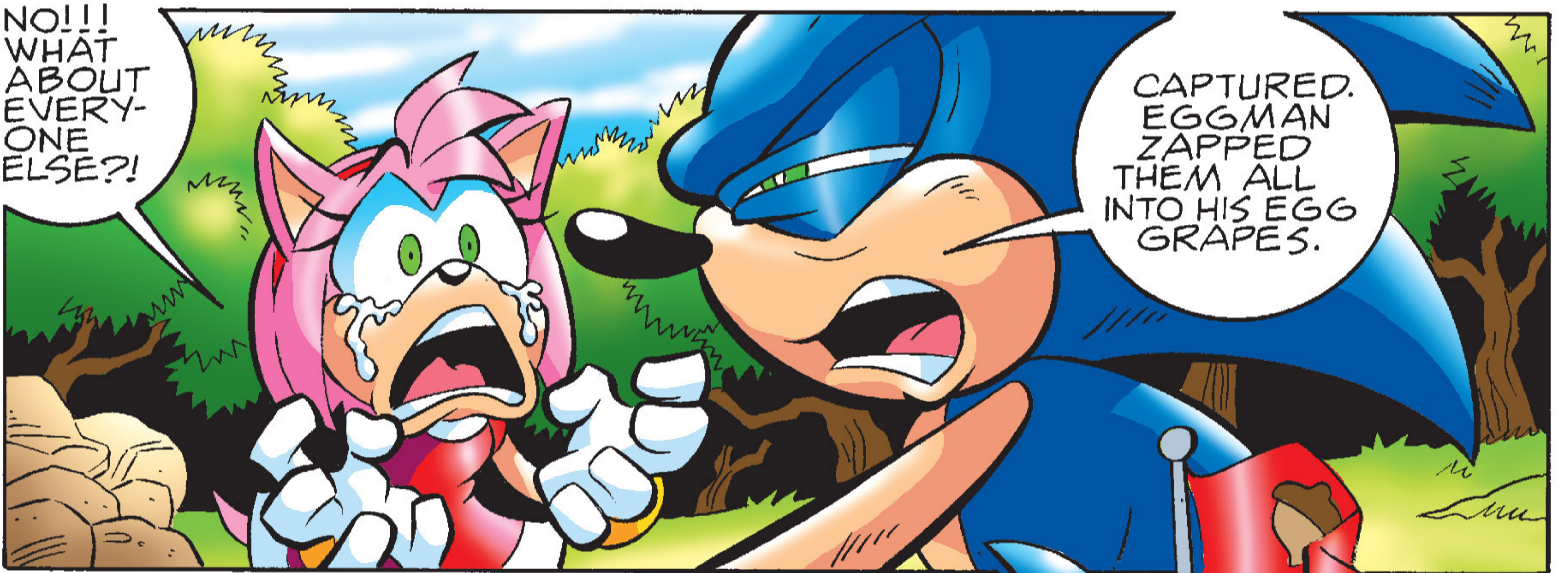
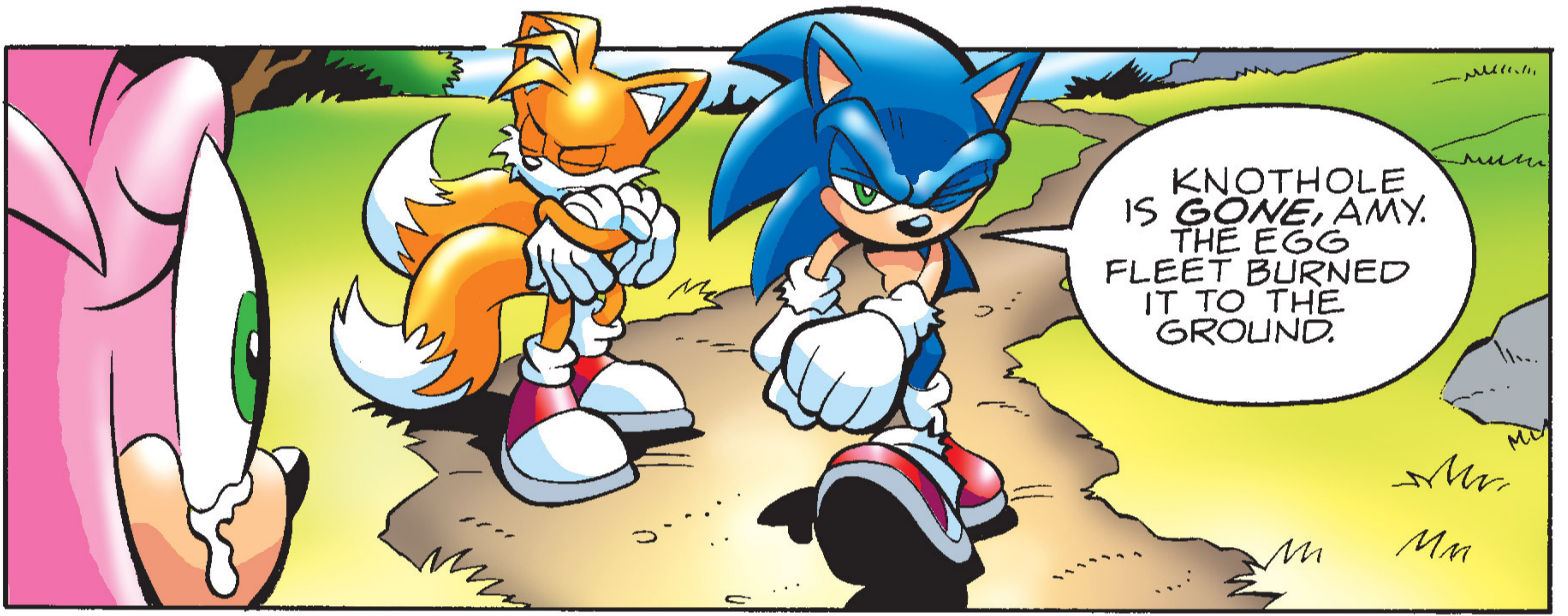


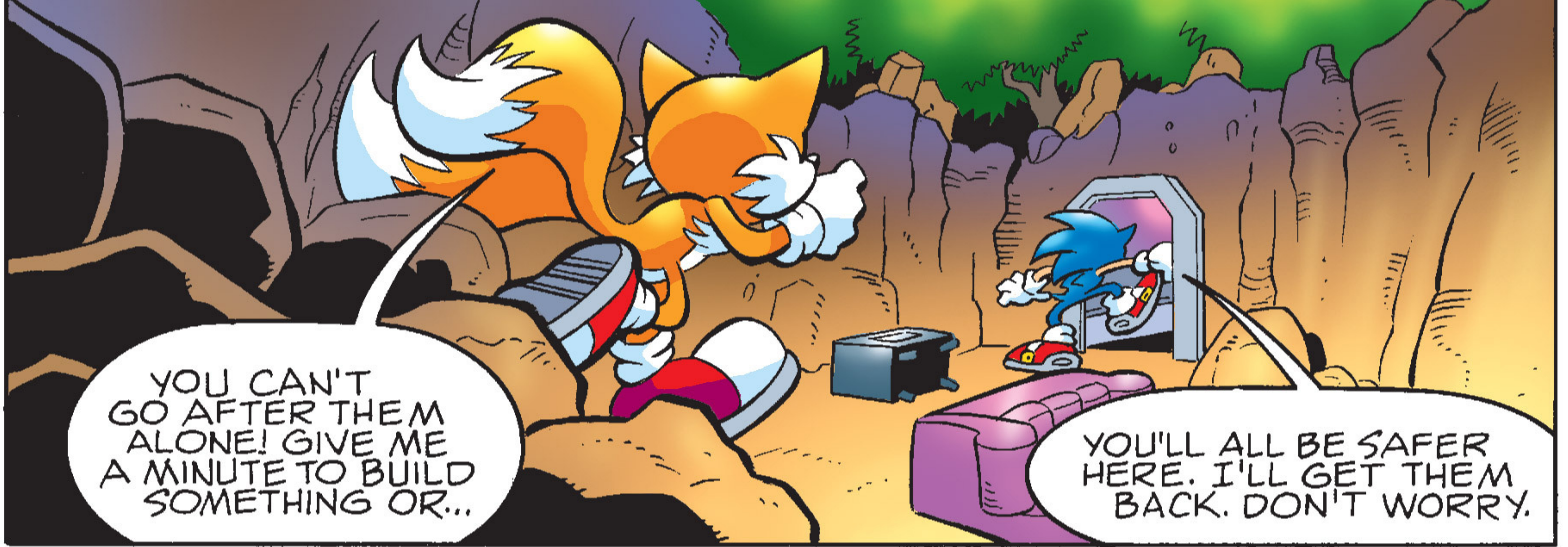
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YOU CAN'T GO AFTER THEM ALONE! GIVE ME A MINUTE TO BUILD SOMETHING OR...

YOU'LL ALL BE SAFER HERE. I'LL GET THEM BACK. DON'T WORRY.

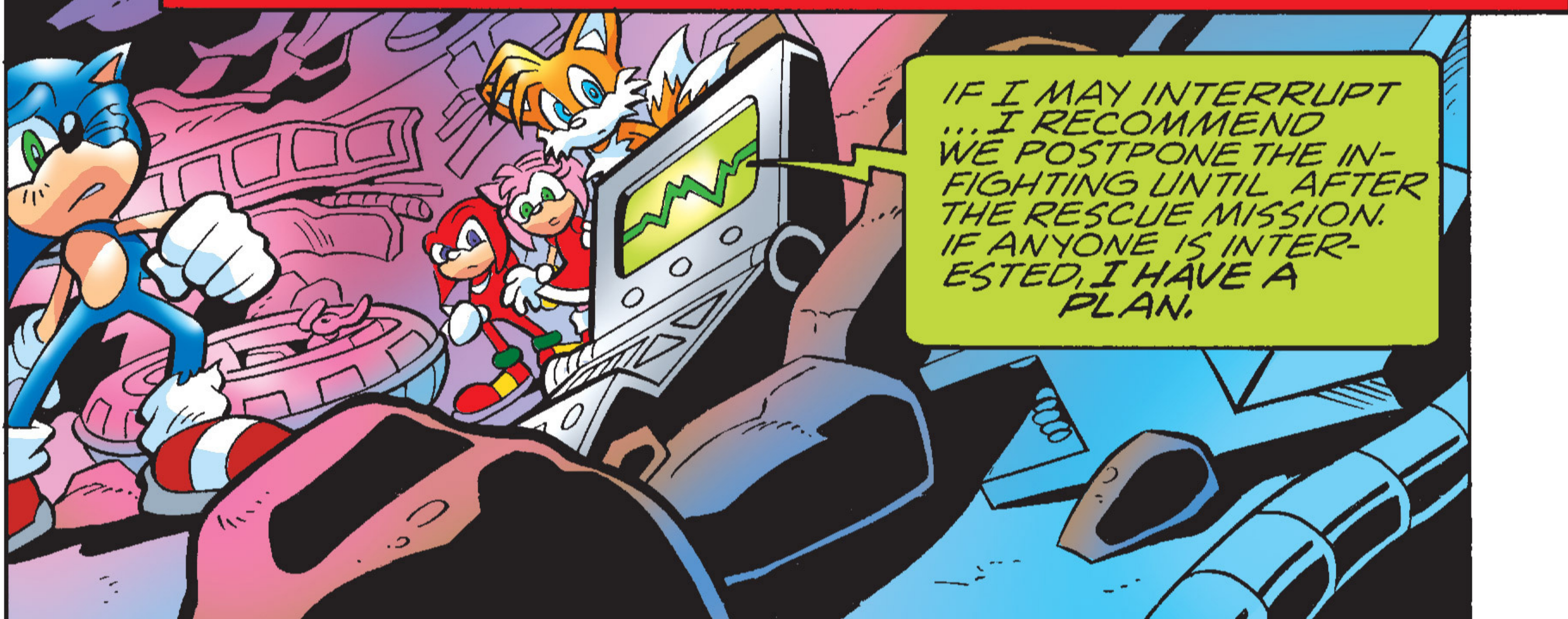


YOU'LL HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE EGG FLEET PLUS ALL OF HIS BADNIK ARMY, NOT TO MENTION HIS SUPER BATTLE SUIT!

TAILS! ...I'VE GOT THIS!



LIKE YOU HAD KNOTHOLE A FEW MINUTES AGO? YEAH, YOU REALLY HELPED A LOT THERE! OR DOES YOUR PLAN HINGE ON YOU GETTING YOUR BUTT KICKED AGAIN?!



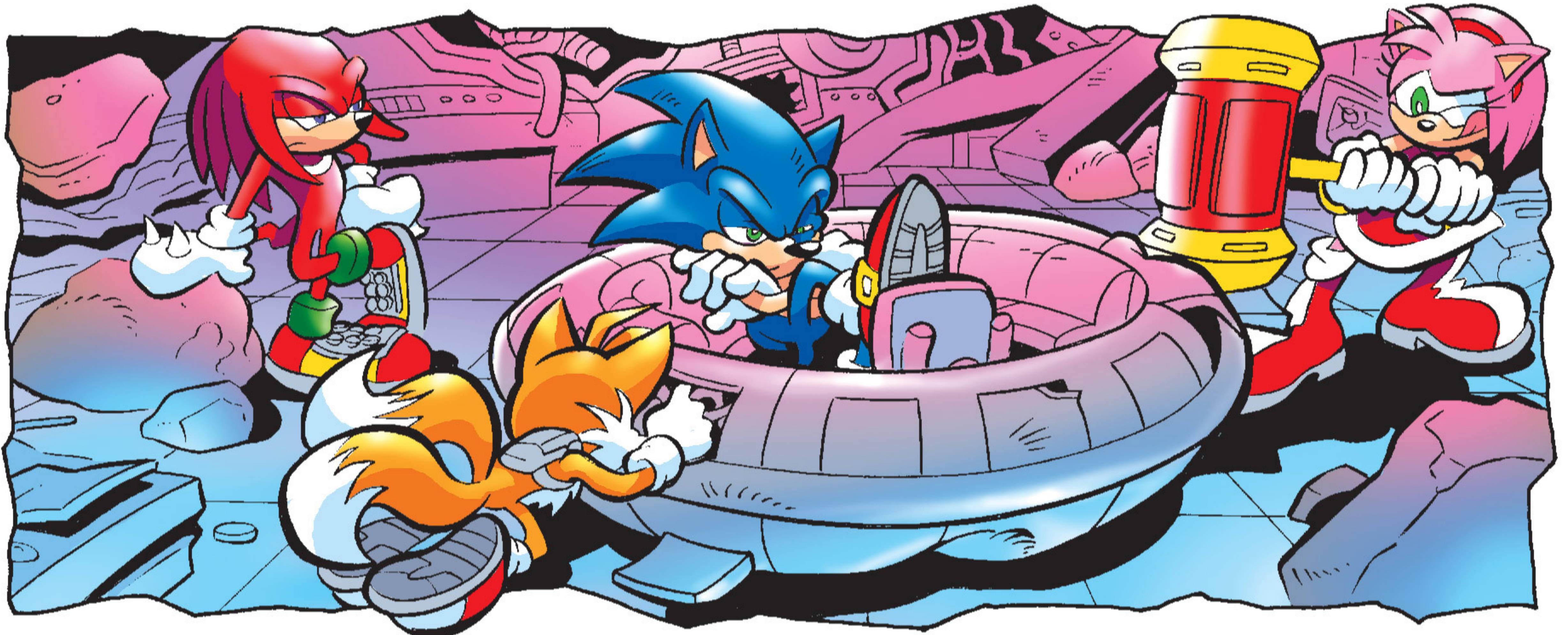
IF I MAY INTERRUPT ... I RECOMMEND WE POSTPONE THE INFIGHTING UNTIL AFTER THE RESCUE MISSION. IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED, I HAVE A PLAN.

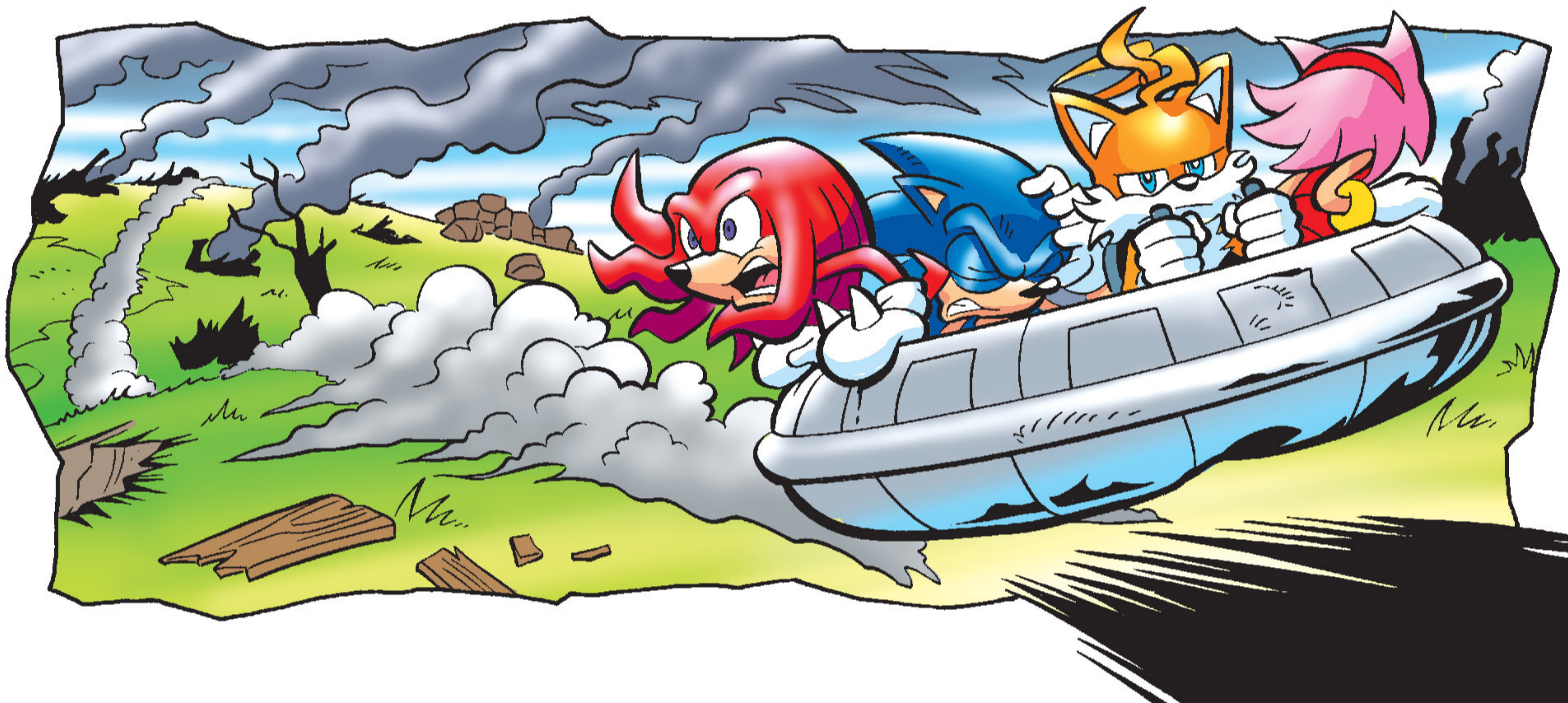
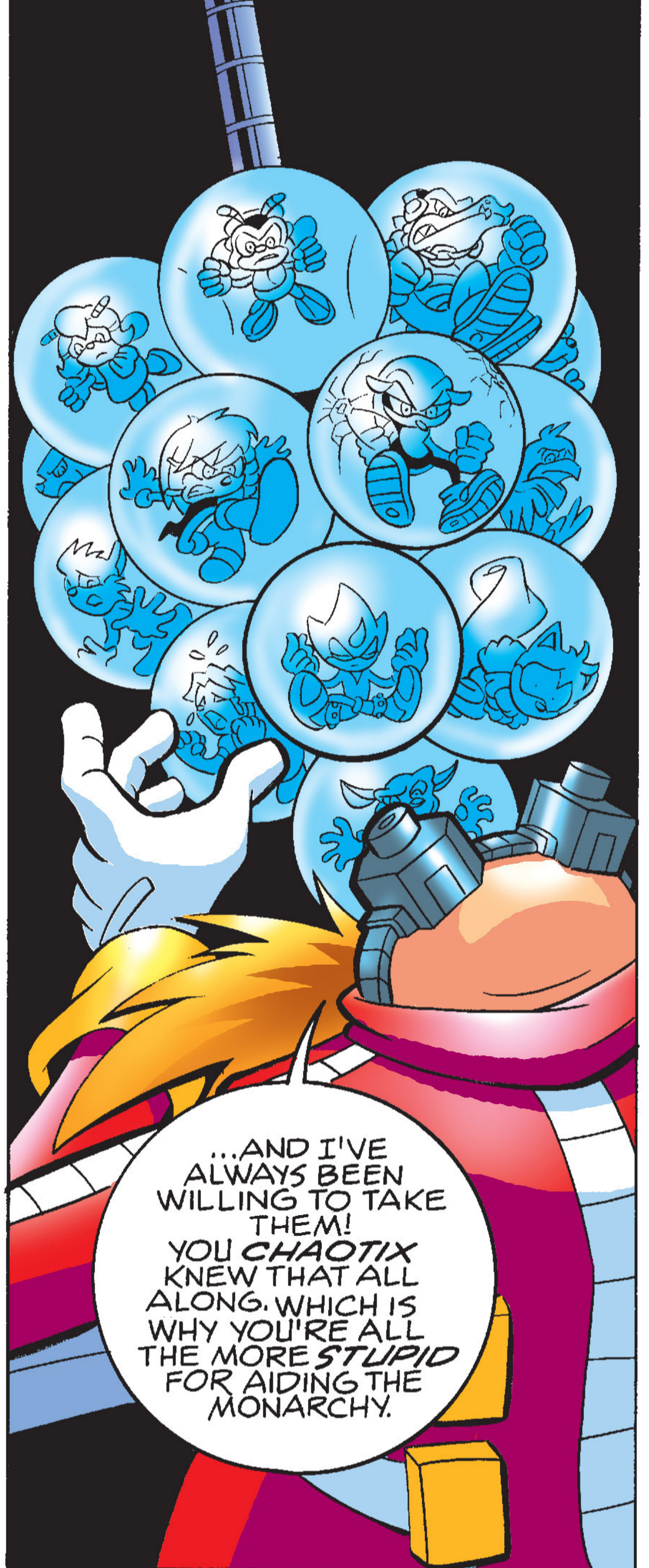
LADIES,
GENTLEMEN,
AND MOBIANS
OF ALL AGES!

Egg
vineyard

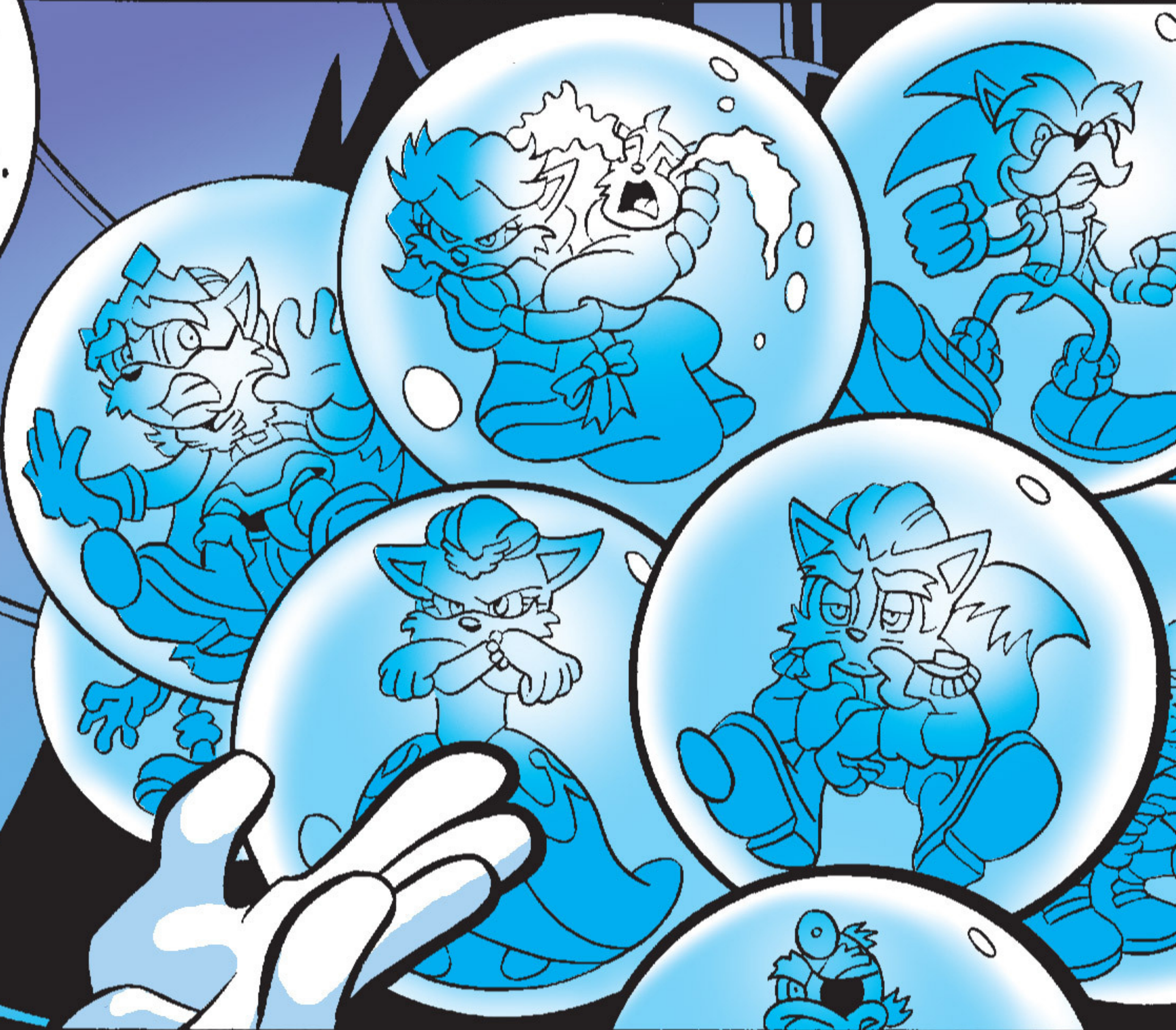


I WANT TO THANK
YOU ALL FOR PROVIDING
ME WITH SUCH AN
ENTERTAINING RESISTANCE
MOVEMENT FOR SO
VERY LONG. IT'S MADE
RUNNING MY **GLOBAL**
EMPIRE SO MUCH MORE
EXCITING AND ENJOYABLE.



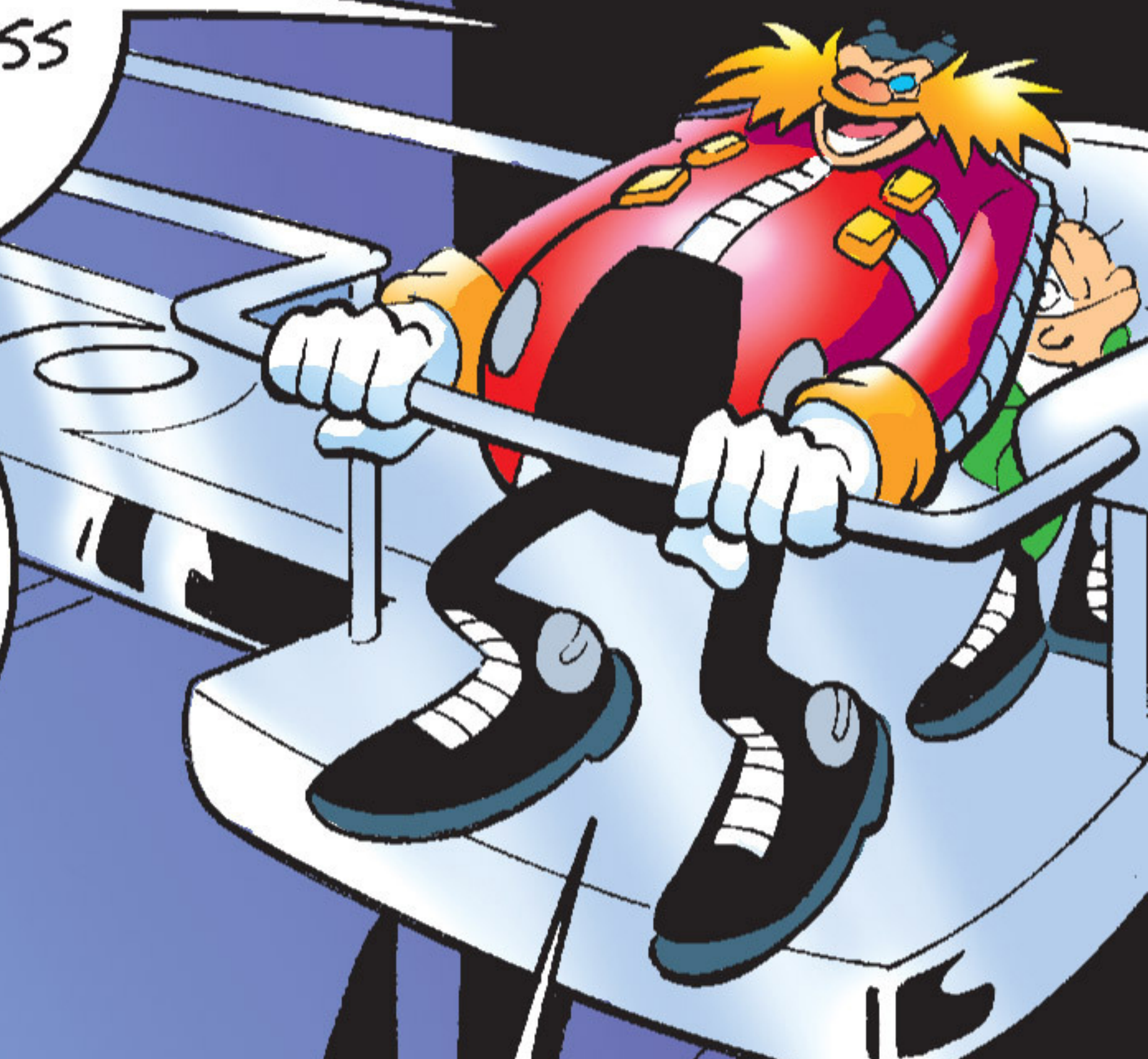
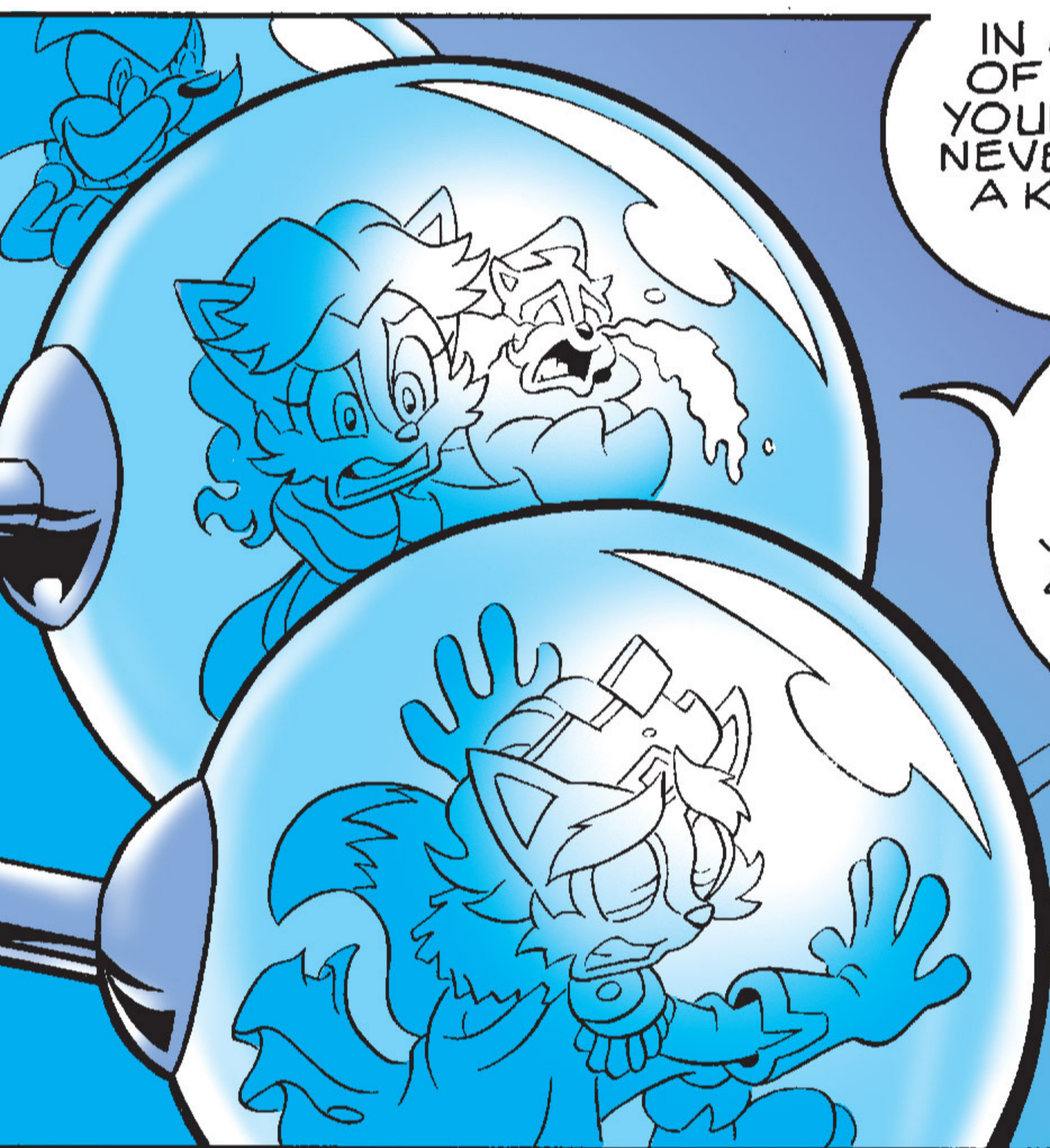


SPEAKING OF WHICH, LOOK HOW THE MIGHTY HOUSE OF ACORN HAS FALLEN! YOU LOOK TERRIBLE, MAXIMILLIAN. AND YOU LET YOUR INEXPERIENCED *FIRST BORN* TAKE THE CROWN?

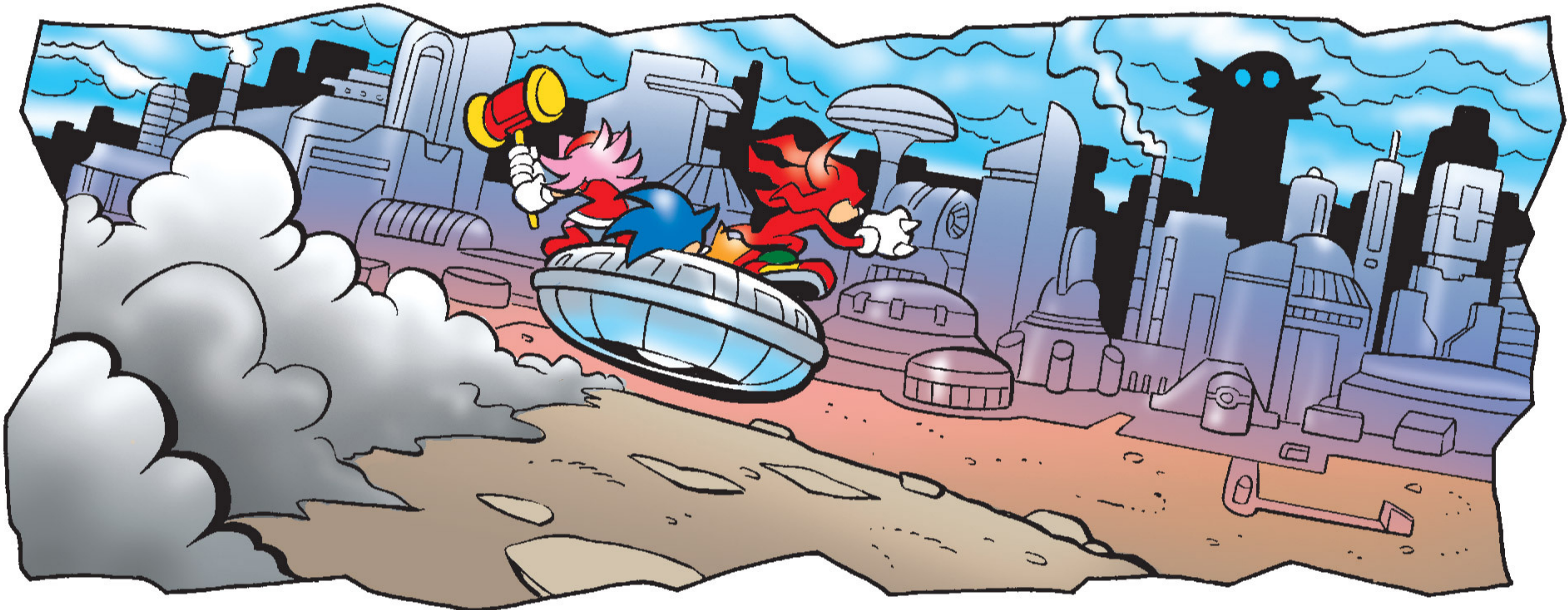


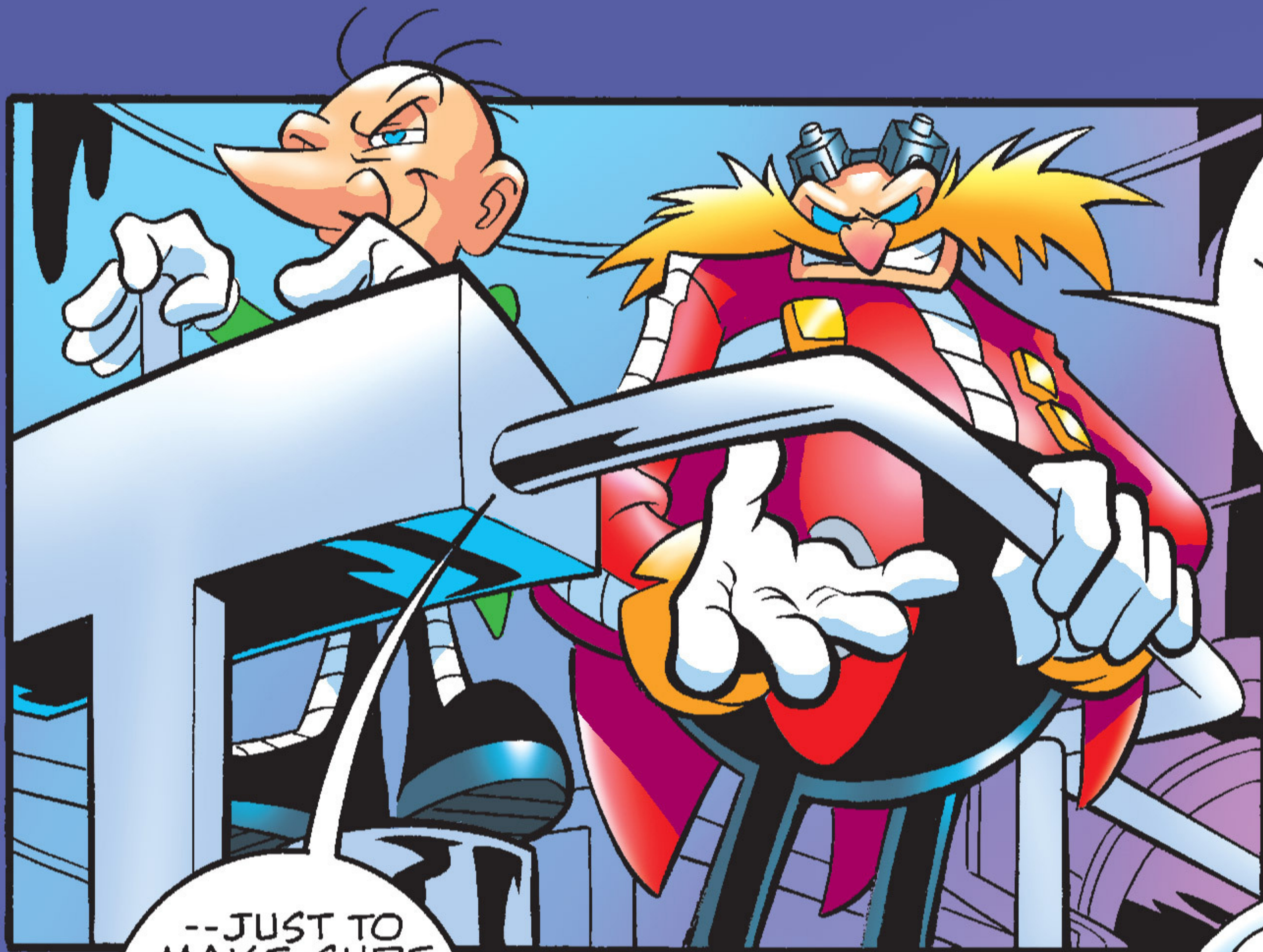
IN ALL MY YEARS OF WARRING WITH YOUR FAMILY, I'VE NEVER COME ACROSS A KING AS WEAK AS YOU.

DON'T LISTEN TO HIM, ELIAS! I MARRIED YOU FOR YOUR STRENGTH AND BRAVERY!



HA
HAHA!
HOW
TOUCHING!



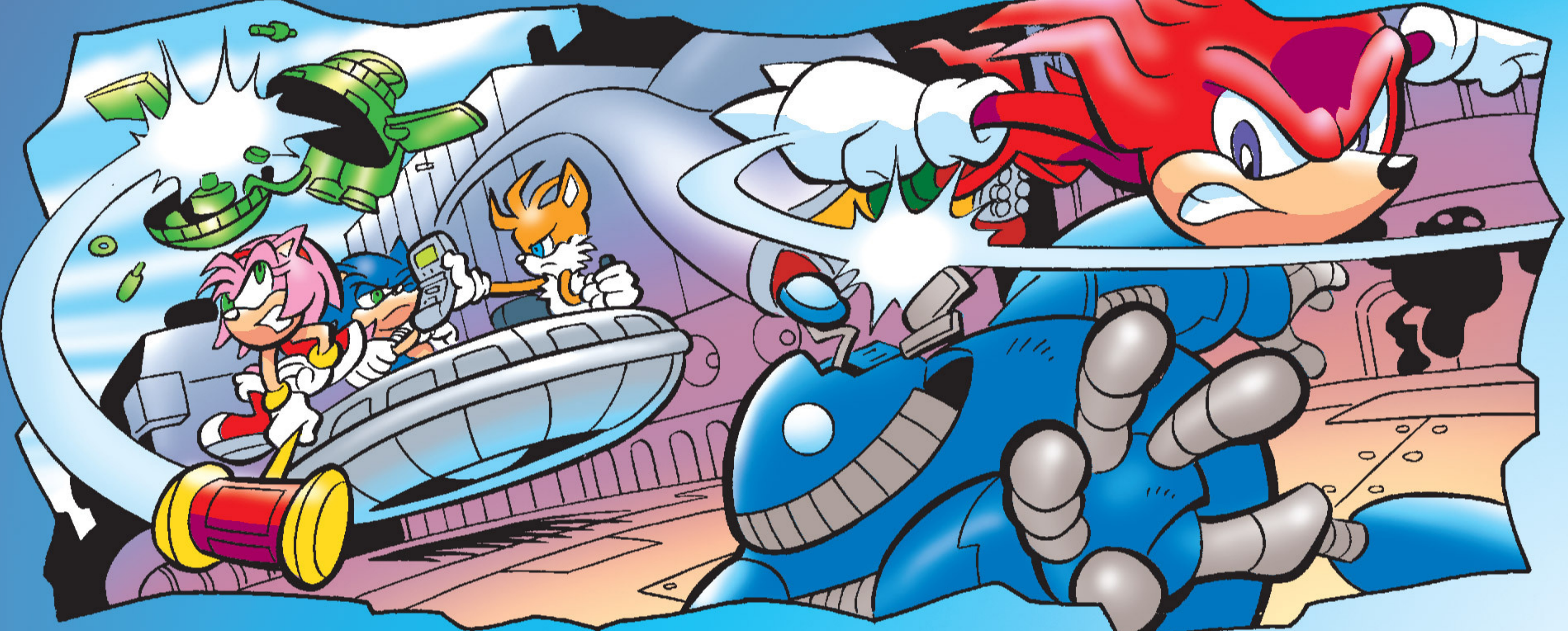
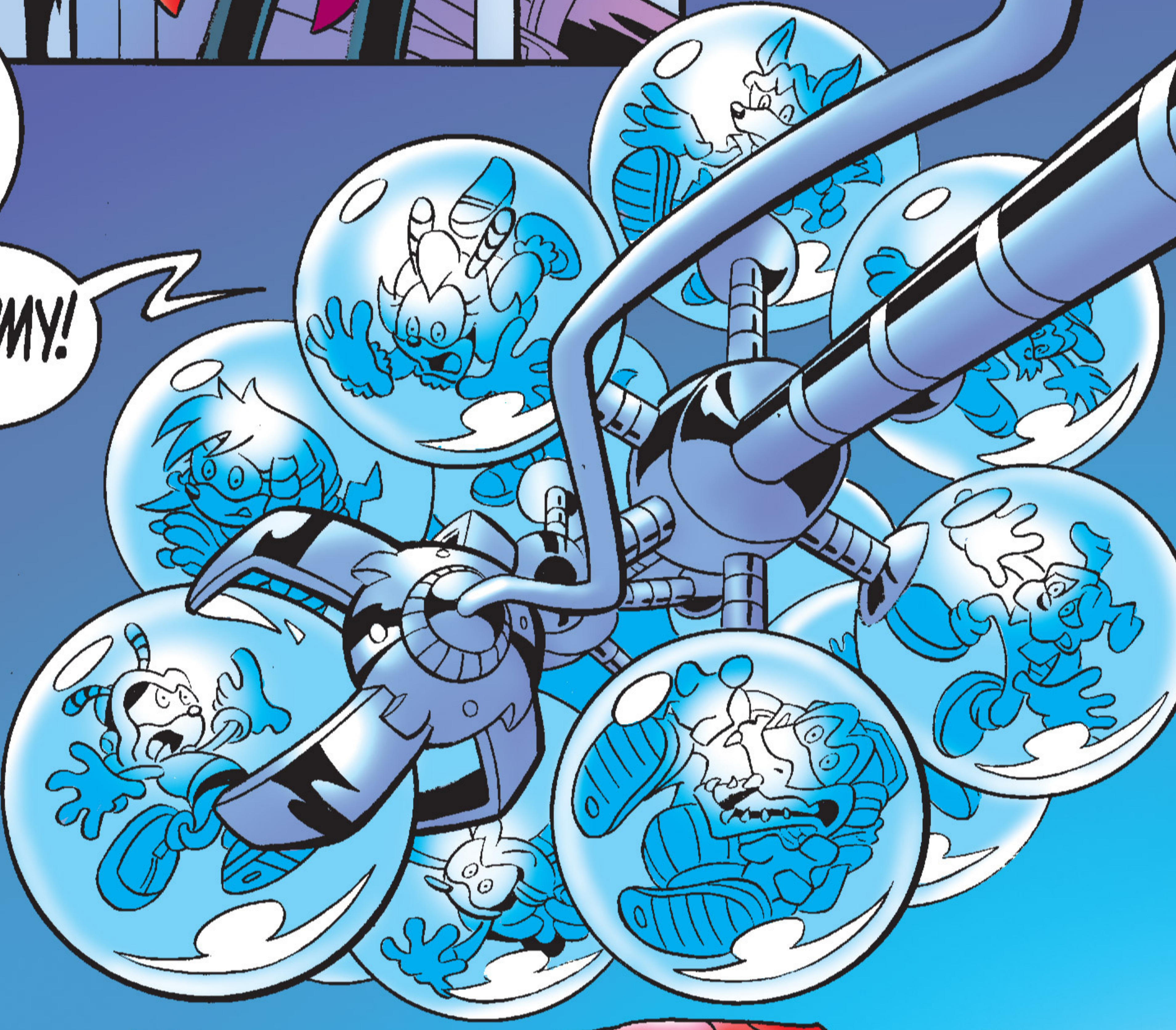


NOW, THEN...
I'M GOING TO
DEMONSTRATE TO
YOU ALL JUST WHAT
THESE EGG GRAPES
CAN DO. THE
PROCESS WILL BE
ACCELERATED,
BUT NOT LESS
POTENT--

--JUST TO
MAKE SURE
YOU'RE ALL
GOOD AND
TERRIFIED
BEFORE
THE END!

CHARMY!

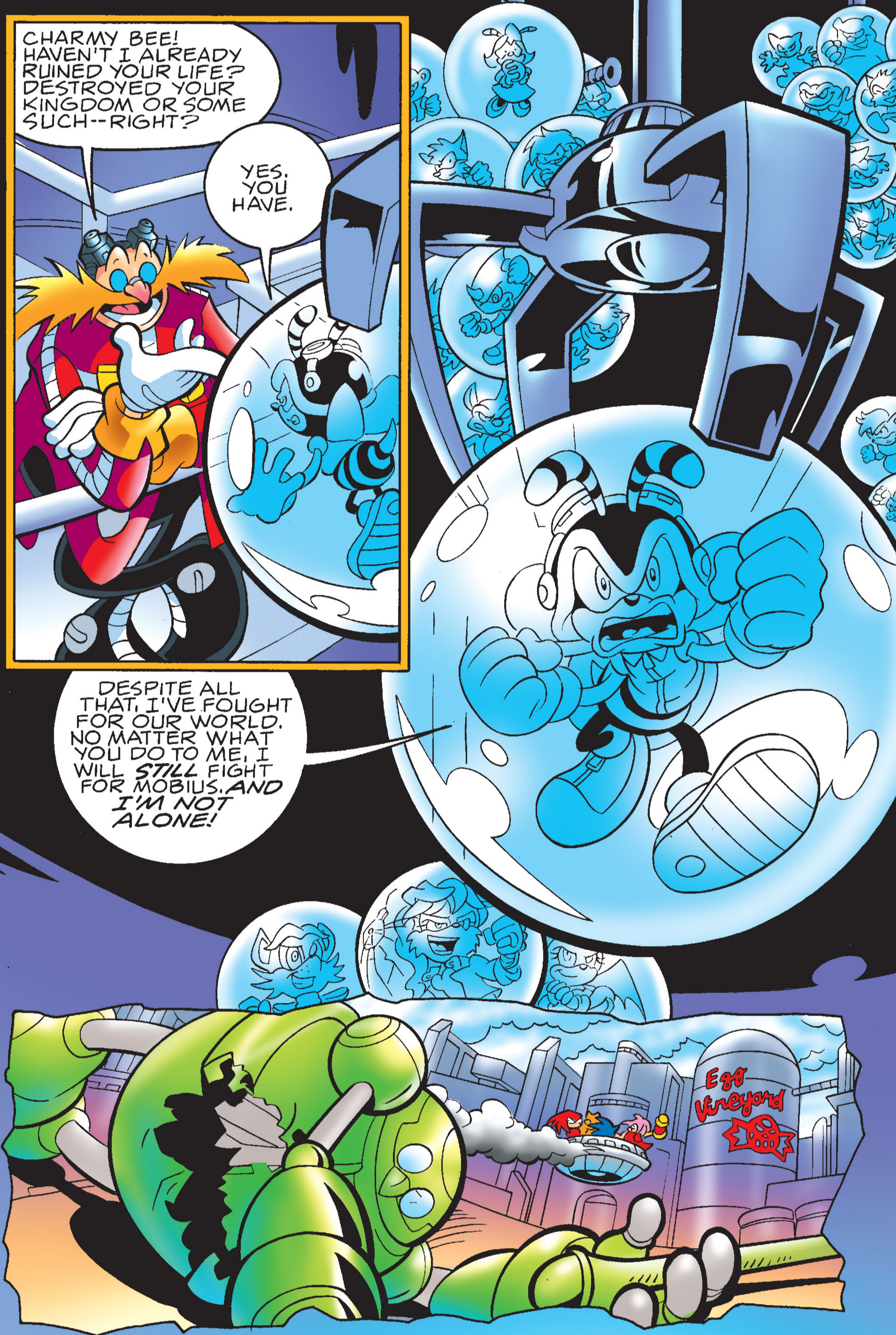
I--IT'LL
BE OKAY,
SAFFRON.

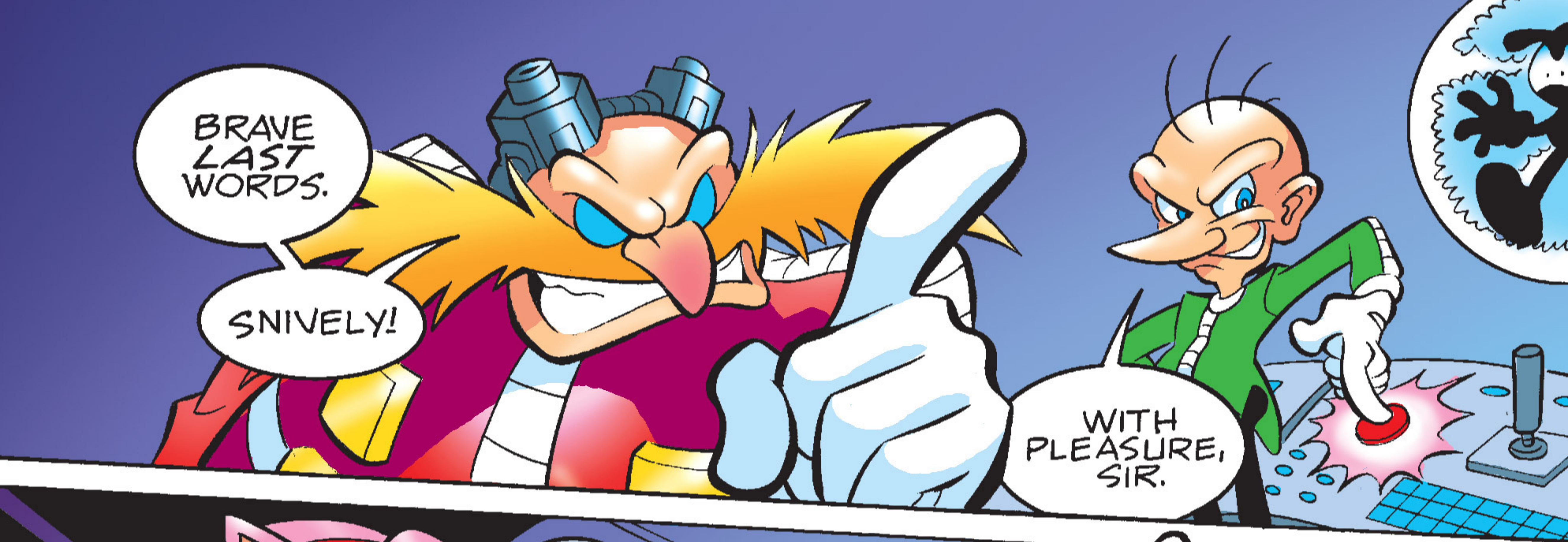


CHARMY BEE!
HAVEN'T I ALREADY
RUINED YOUR LIFE?
DESTROYED YOUR
KINGDOM OR SOME
SUCH--RIGHT?

YES,
YOU
HAVE.

DESPITE ALL
THAT, I'VE FOUGHT
FOR OUR WORLD,
NO MATTER WHAT
YOU DO TO ME, I
WILL *STILL* FIGHT
FOR MOBIUS, AND
I'M NOT
ALONE!

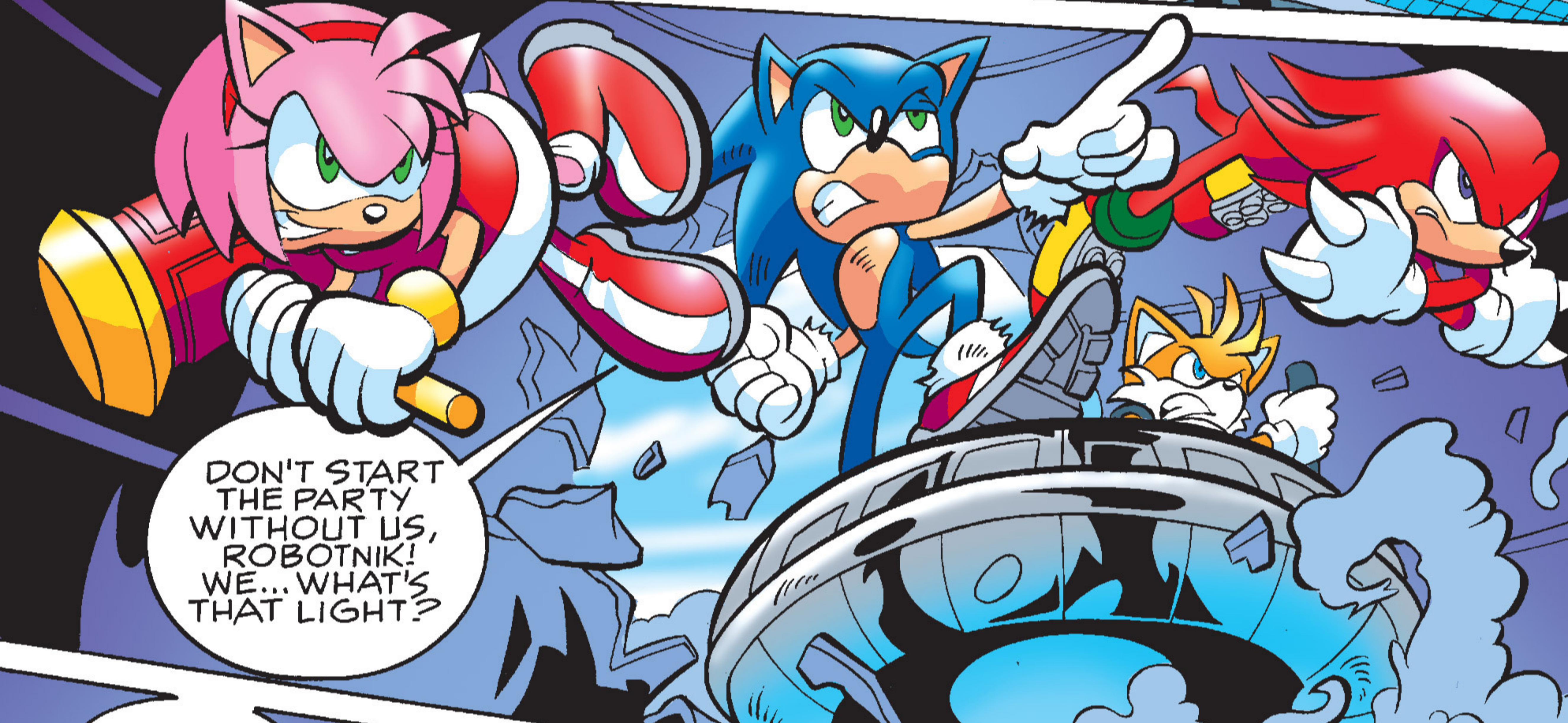




BRAVE
LAST
WORDS.

SNIVELY!

WITH
PLEASURE,
SIR.



DON'T START
THE PARTY
WITHOUT US,
ROBOTNIK!
WE... WHAT'S
THAT LIGHT?

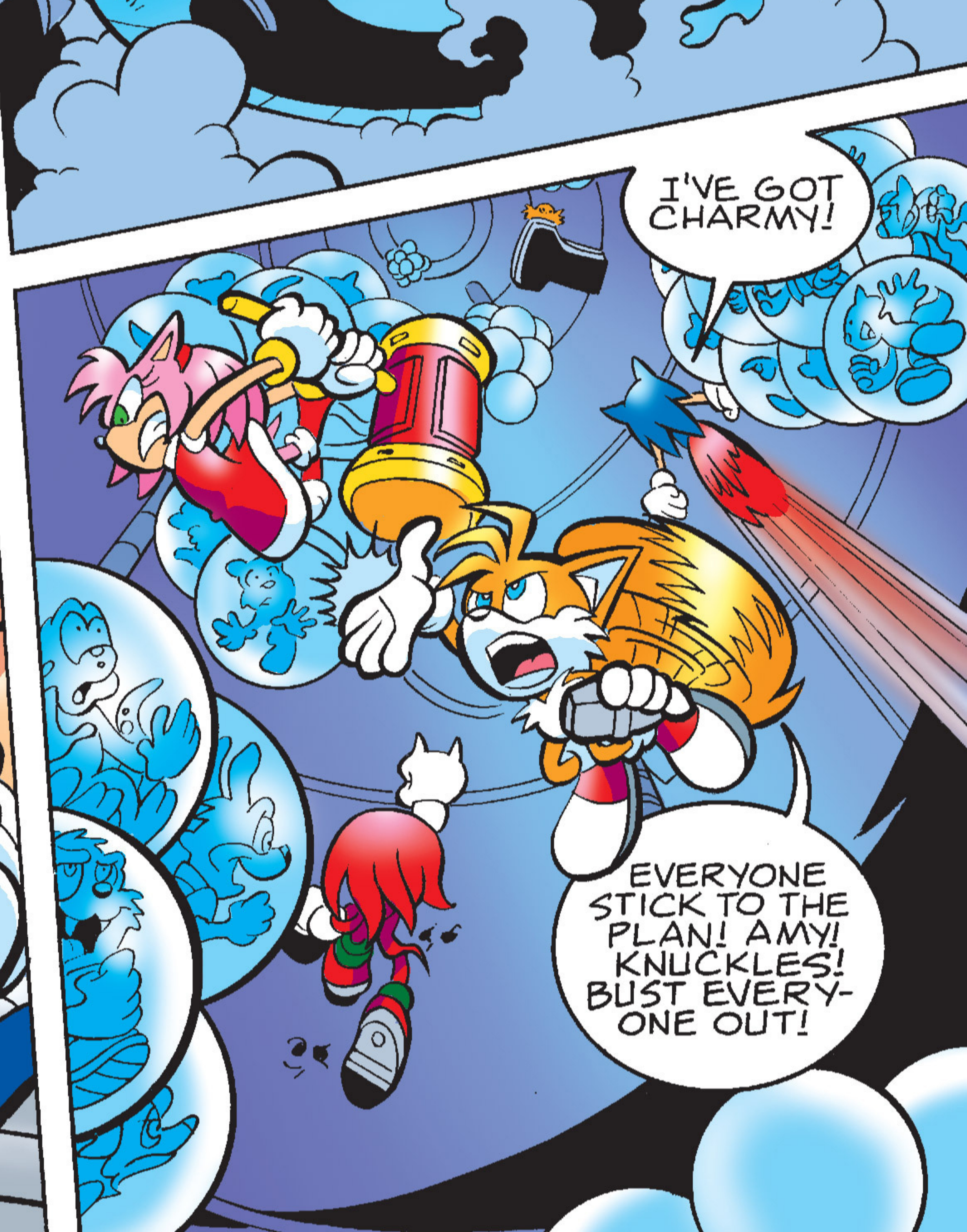


CHARMY!

NO! I
CAN'T BE
TOO LATE
AGAIN!

NICOLE?

I'M READING A
PORT ACCESS
UP TOP. PLUG
ME IN THERE.
HURRY!



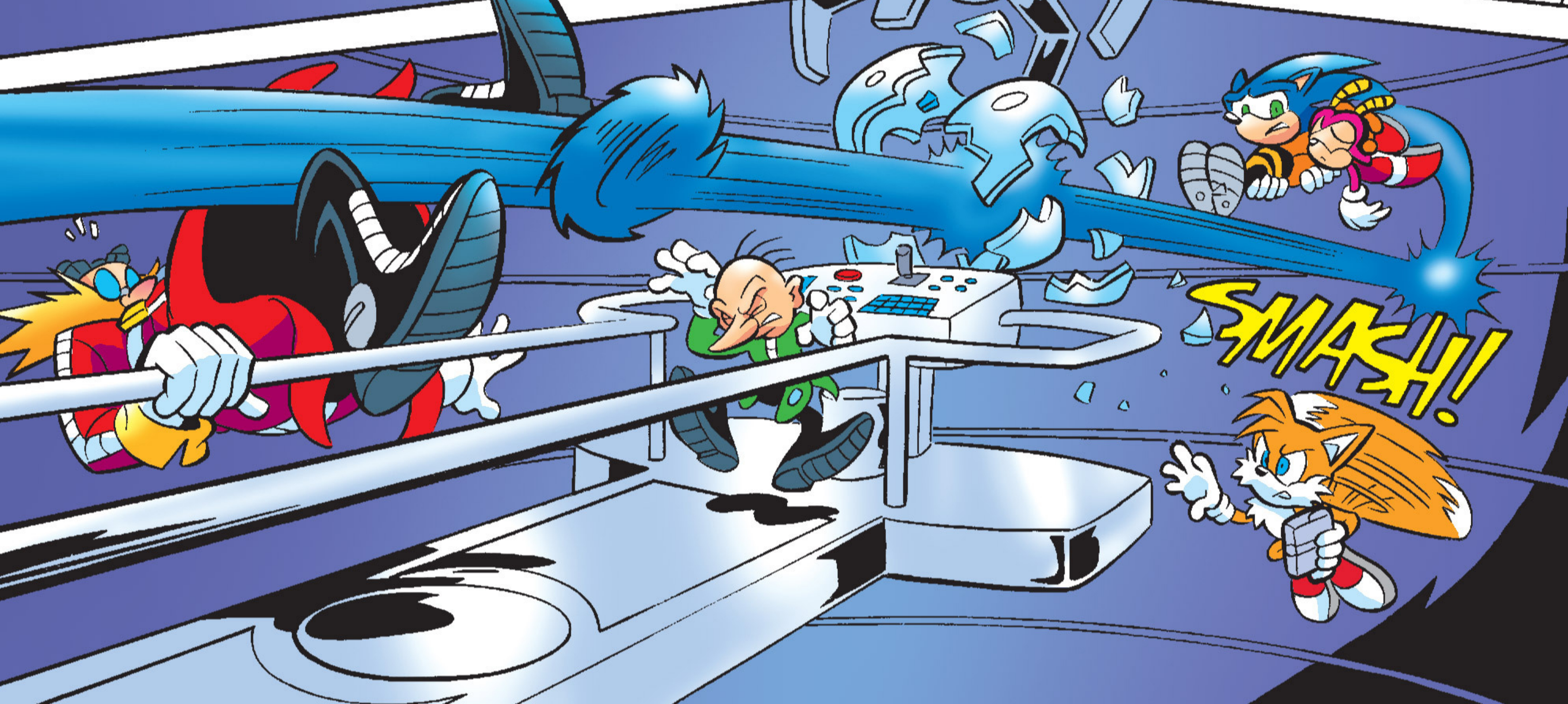
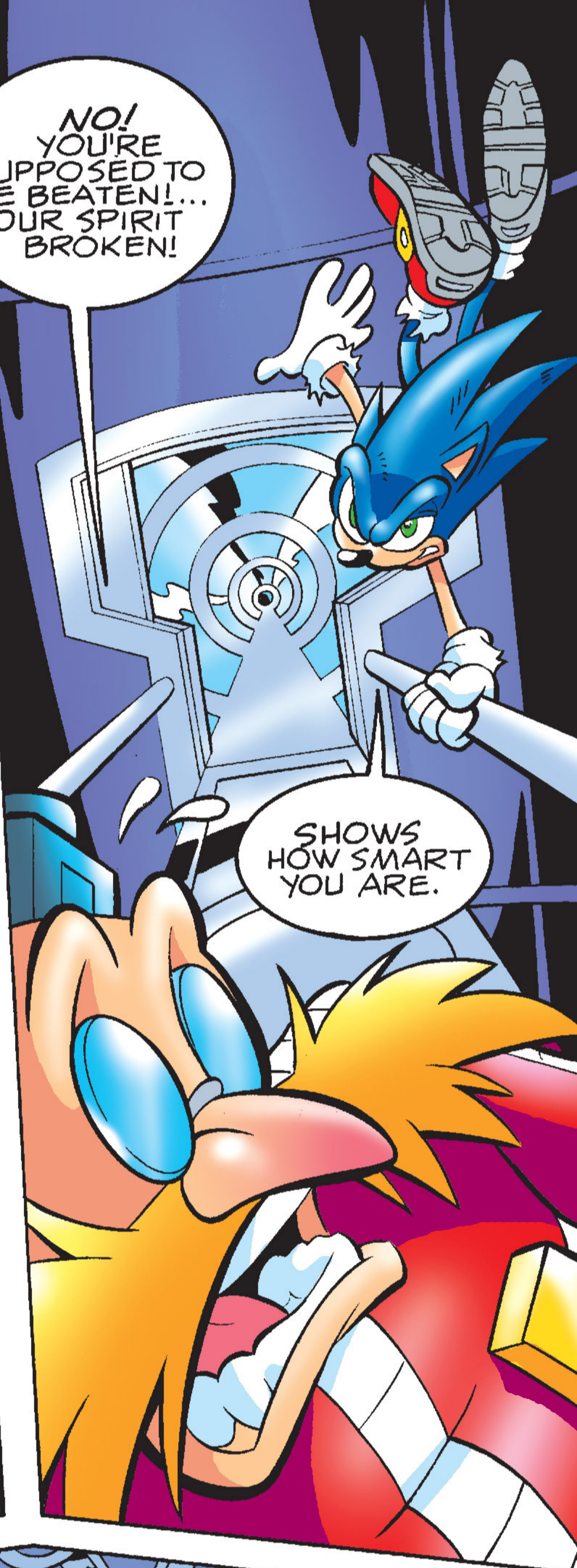
I'VE GOT
CHARMY!

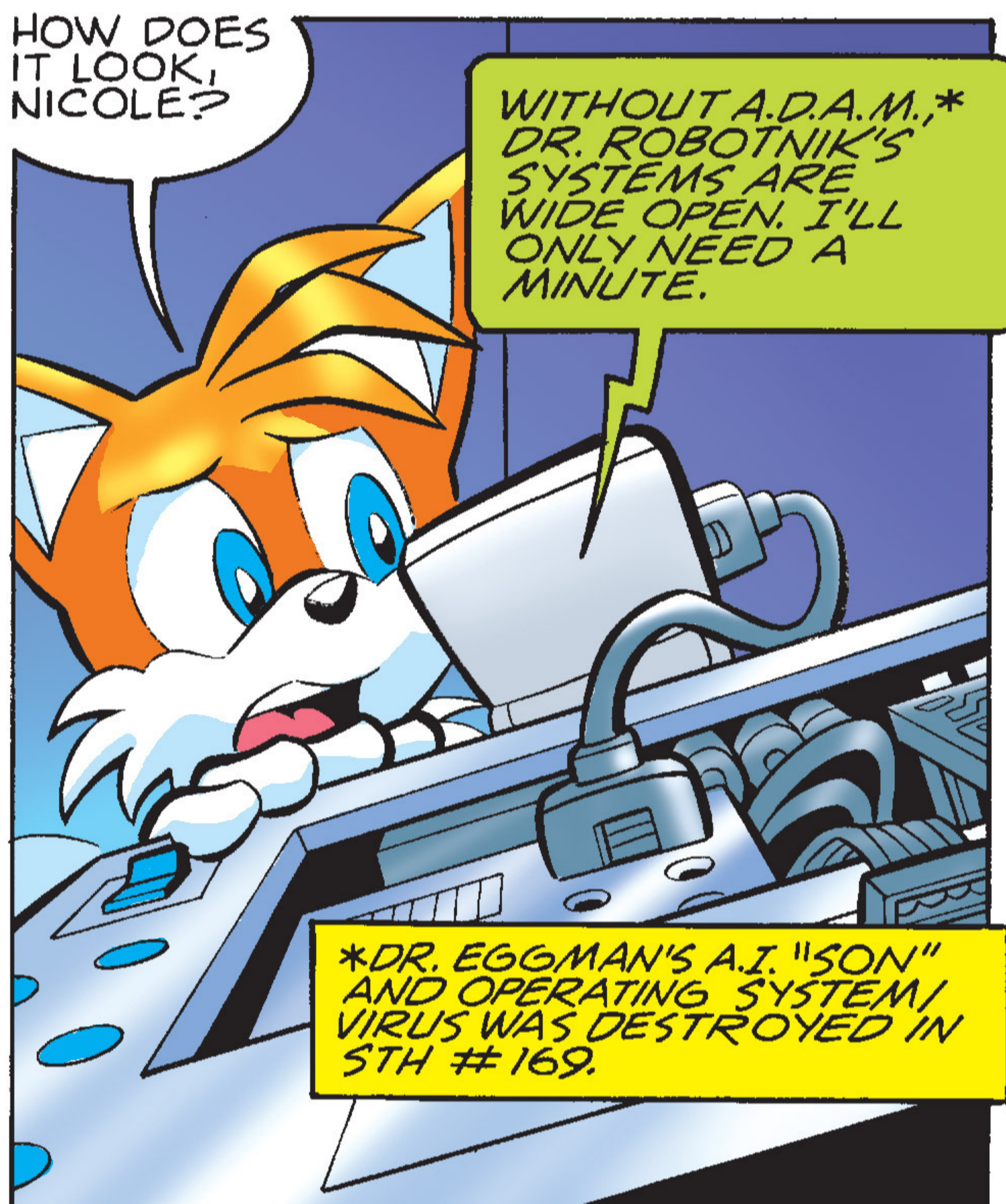
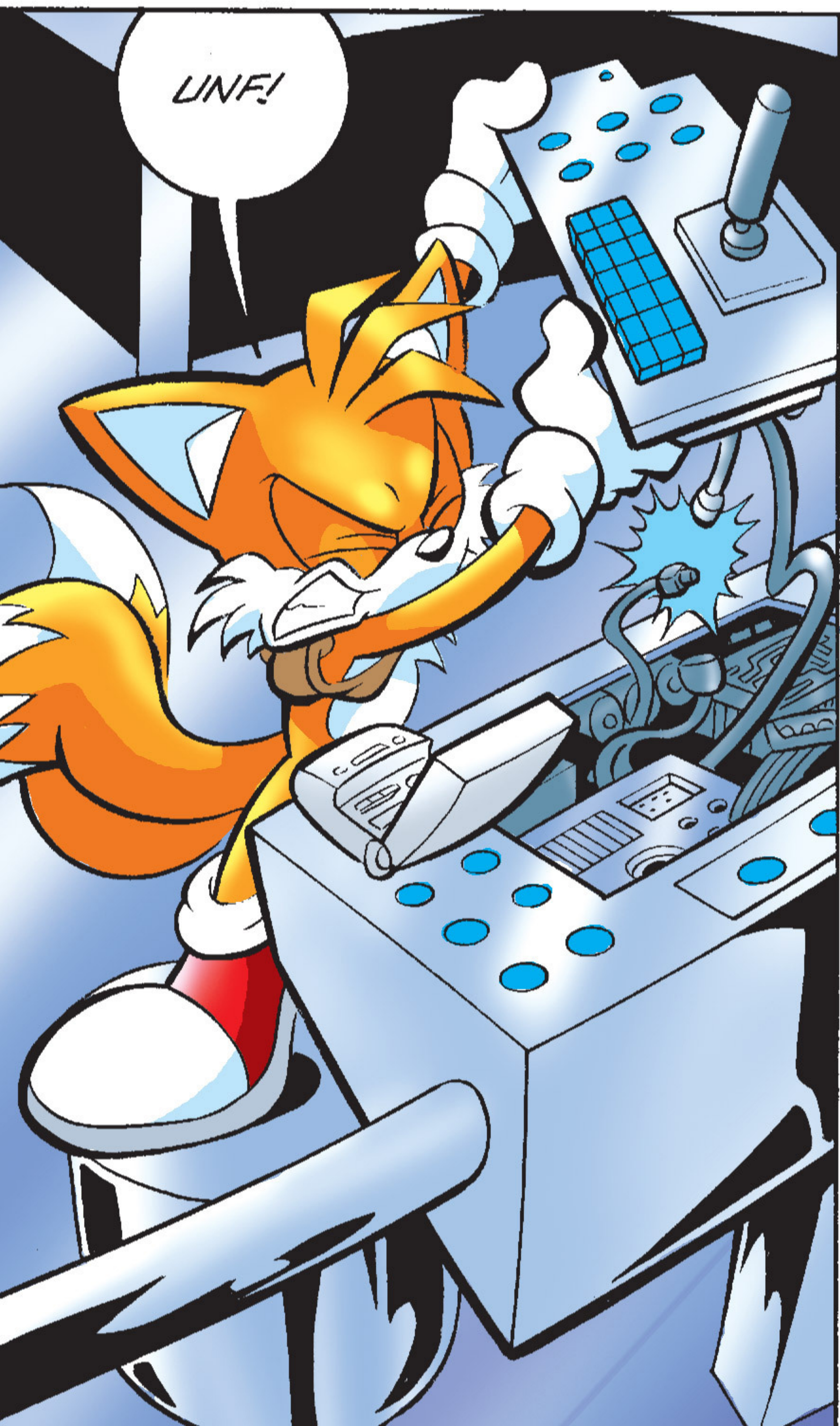
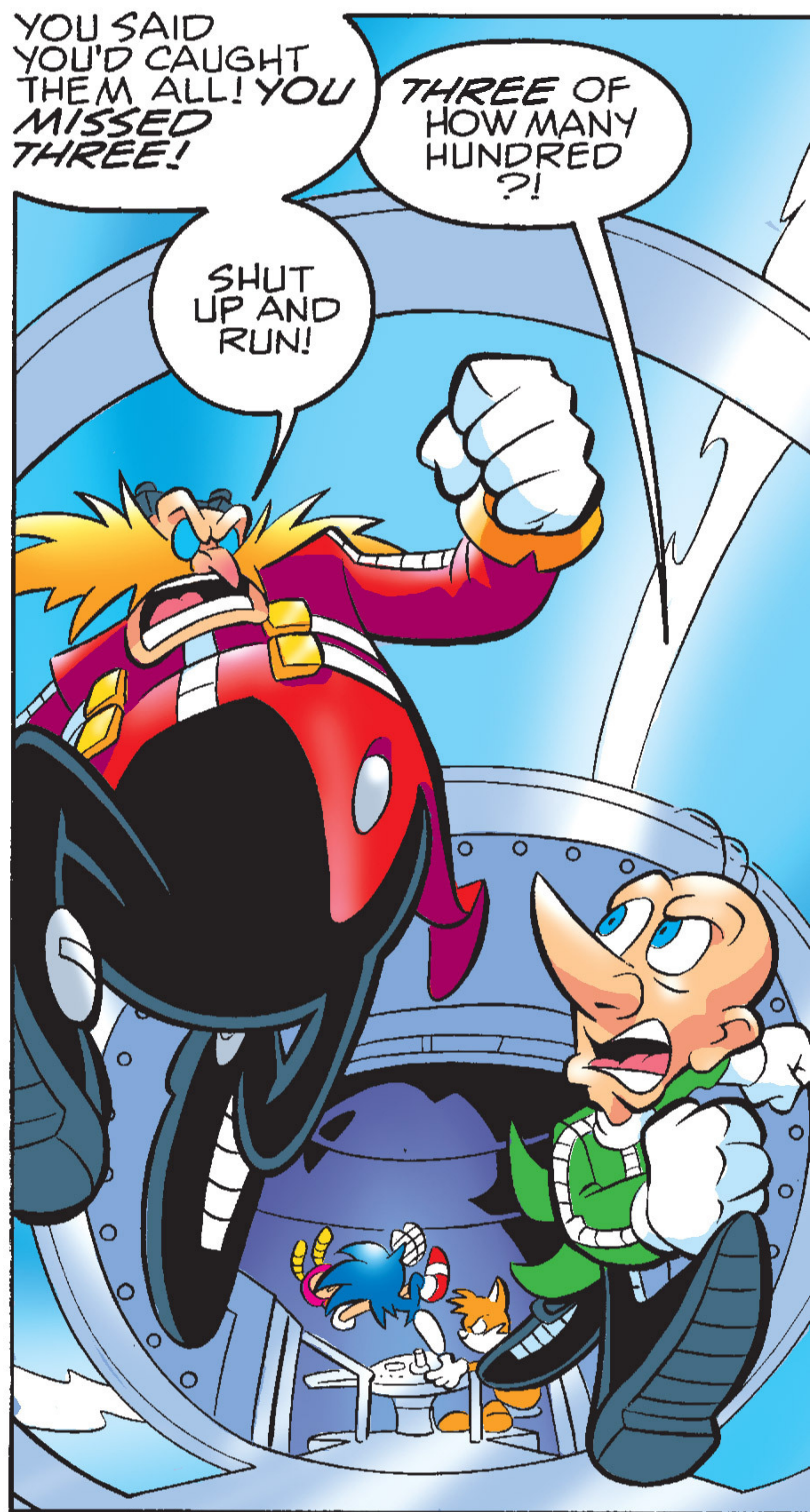
EVERYONE
STICK TO THE
PLAN! AMY!
KNUCKLES!
BUST EVERY-
ONE OUT!



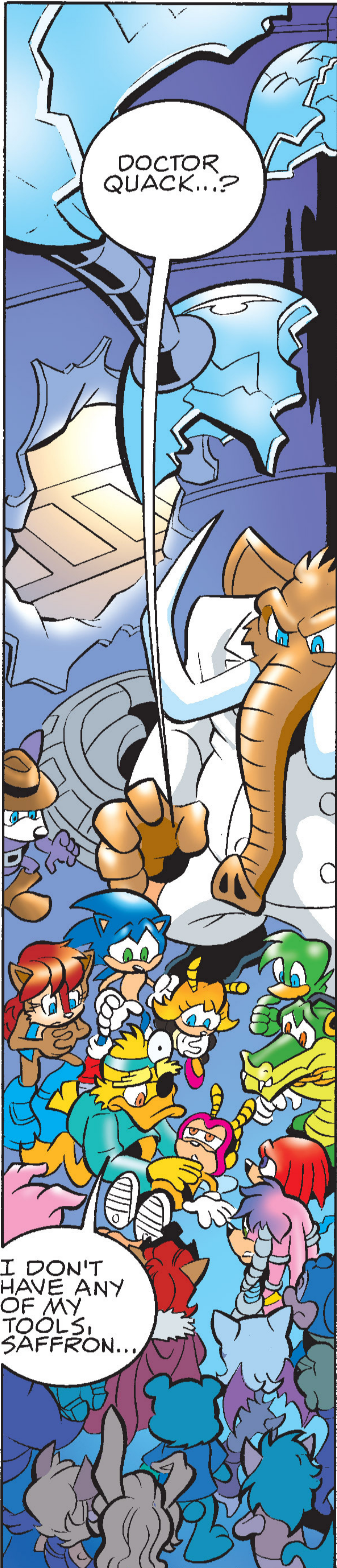
NO!
YOU'RE
SUPPOSED TO
BE BEATEN!...
YOUR SPIRIT
BROKEN!

SHOWS
HOW SMART
YOU ARE.



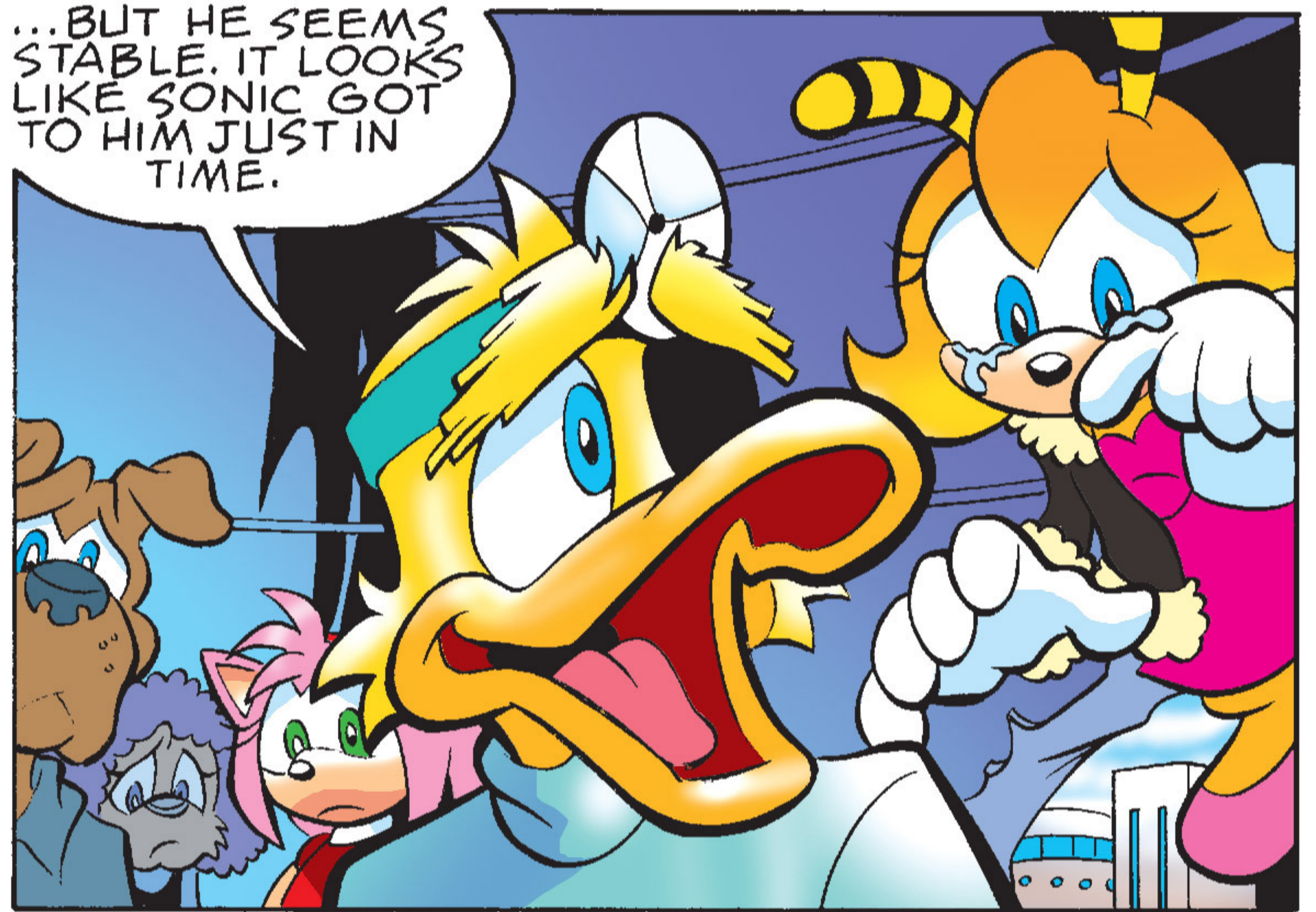


*DR. EGGMAN'S A.I. "SON" AND OPERATING SYSTEM/ VIRUS WAS DESTROYED IN STH # 169.

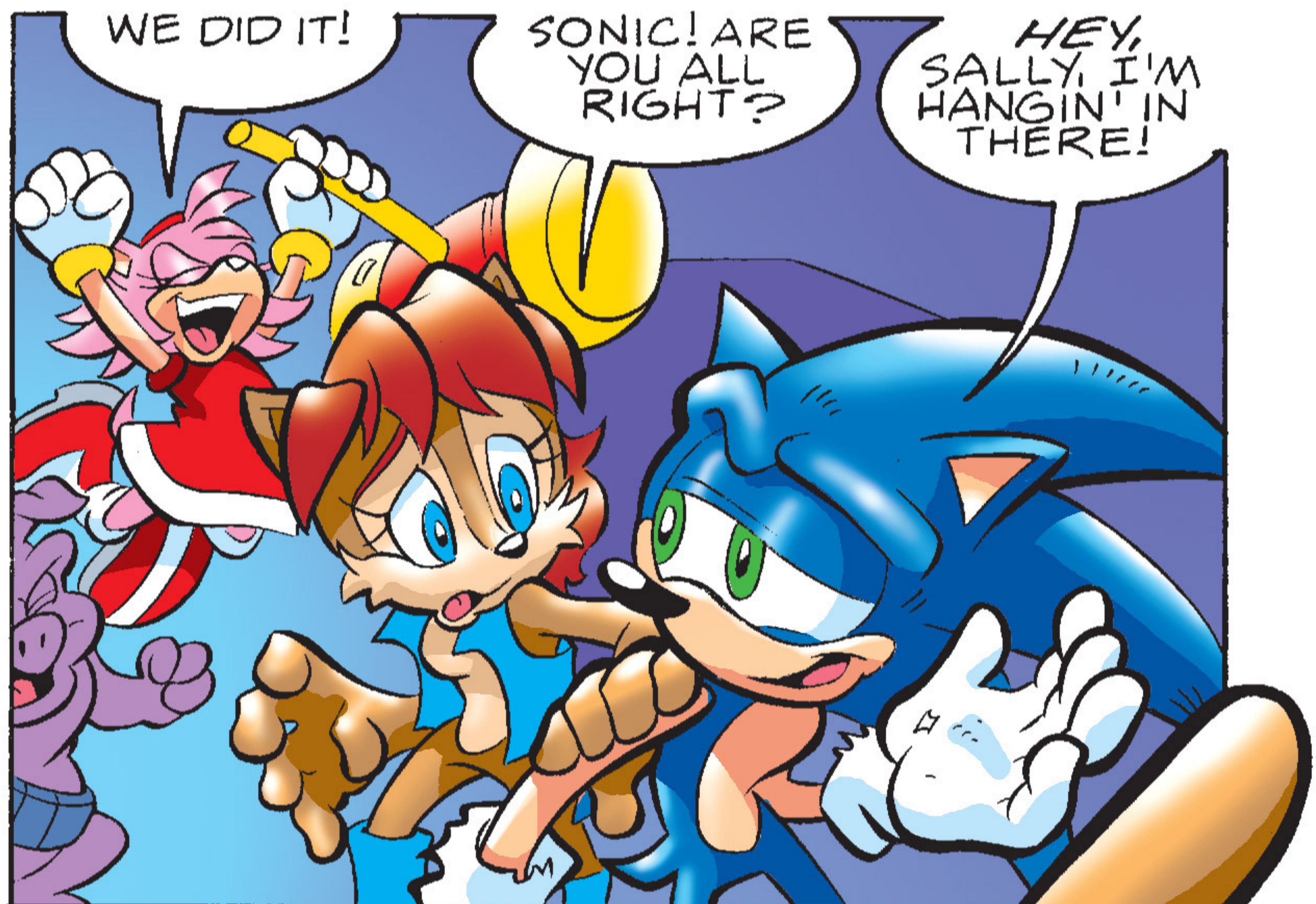


DOCTOR QUACK...?

I DON'T HAVE ANY OF MY TOOLS, SAFFRON...



...BUT HE SEEMS STABLE. IT LOOKS LIKE SONIC GOT TO HIM JUST IN TIME.



WE DID IT!

SONIC! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

HEY, SALLY, I'M HANGIN' IN THERE!



GOOD, BECAUSE WE HAVE TO MOVE. EVERYONE, LET'S GO!

WE HAVE TO GO, NICOLE.

I'VE DONE ALL I CAN DO HERE. I'LL FINISH PREPARATIONS BACK AT HOME.

HOME...?

I'M SORRY, THERE'S NO TIME TO EXPLAIN. STAY WITH THE GROUP, TAILS.

IF YOU SAY SO, I HOPE YOUR PLAN WORKS...

THIS WAY, EVERYBODY! RIGHT BACK THE WAY WE CAME IN!

THERE'RE TOO MANY OF US... TOO CROWDED. MAYBE IF WE PUT AS MANY AS WE CAN ON THAT SAUCER... THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS AND CHAOTIX ...AND HOLD OFF ANY --

NOPE.

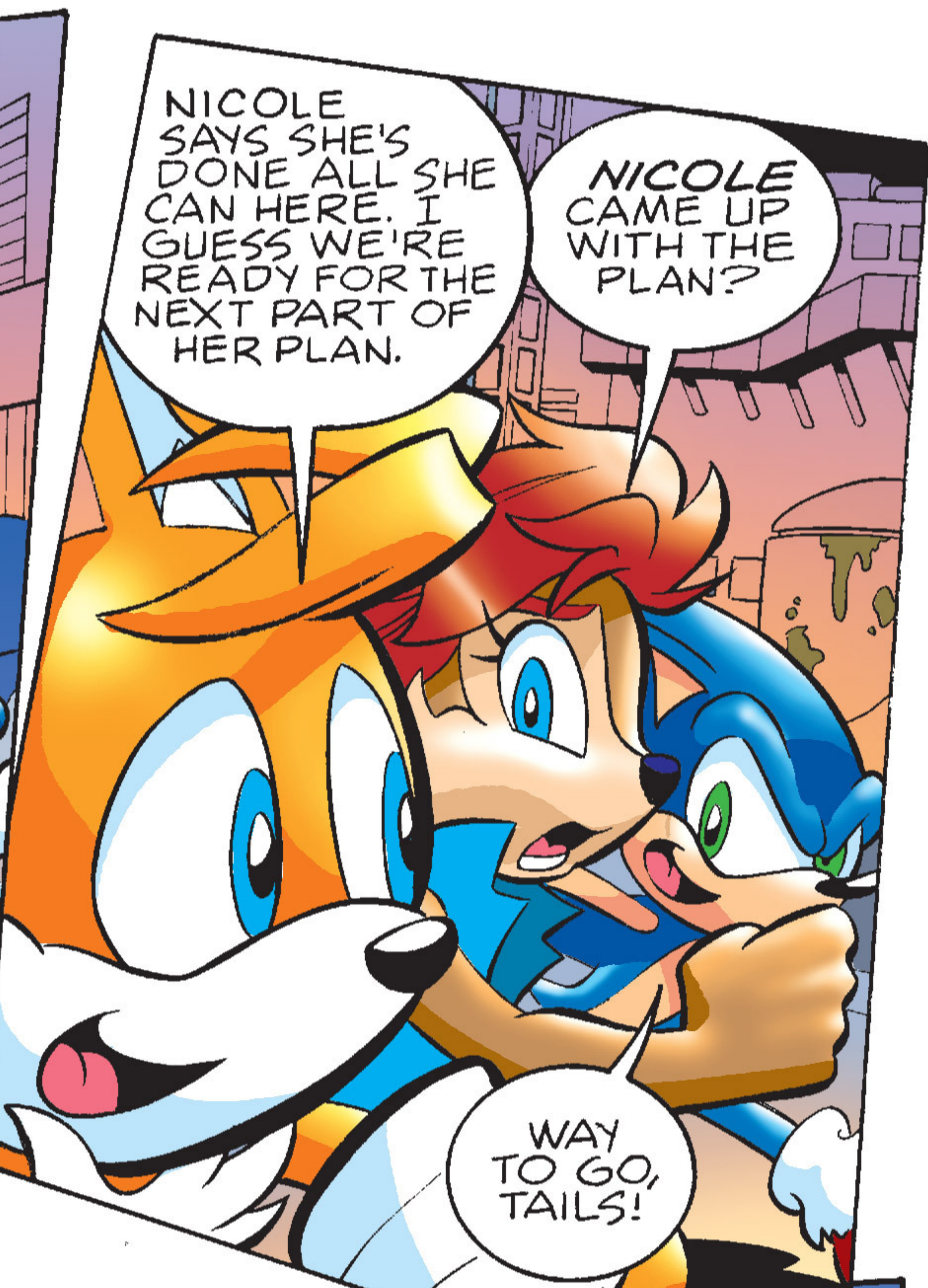
"NOPE"?!?

WE'VE GOT A PLAN, SAL. WE STICK TOGETHER.



WHILE IT MAY USUALLY WORK FOR YOU, "RUN AWAY AS FAST AS YOU CAN" IS NOT A PLAN.

DID I SAY IT WAS MY PLAN?



NICOLE SAYS SHE'S DONE ALL SHE CAN HERE. I GUESS WE'RE READY FOR THE NEXT PART OF HER PLAN.

NICOLE CAME UP WITH THE PLAN?

WAY TO GO, TAILS!



EVERYONE! STICK TOGETHER!

DUDE, ABOUT EARLIER...

YEAH, SONIC, I...



...OH...
...NO...

HOLD THAT THOUGHT...



WAS THIS PART OF THE PLAN, TOO?

BELIEVE IT OR NOT.

I TOLD YOU THE GAME WAS OVER, SONIC. NOW GET BACK IN THOSE EGG GRAPES!

EVERYONE BACK! TAKE THE FIRST ALLEY TO THE RIGHT! MOVE!

KZZT!

HE'S USING A LARGER SPREAD ON HIS TELEPORTER BEAM! WE'LL ALL BE RECAPTURED IN NO TIME!

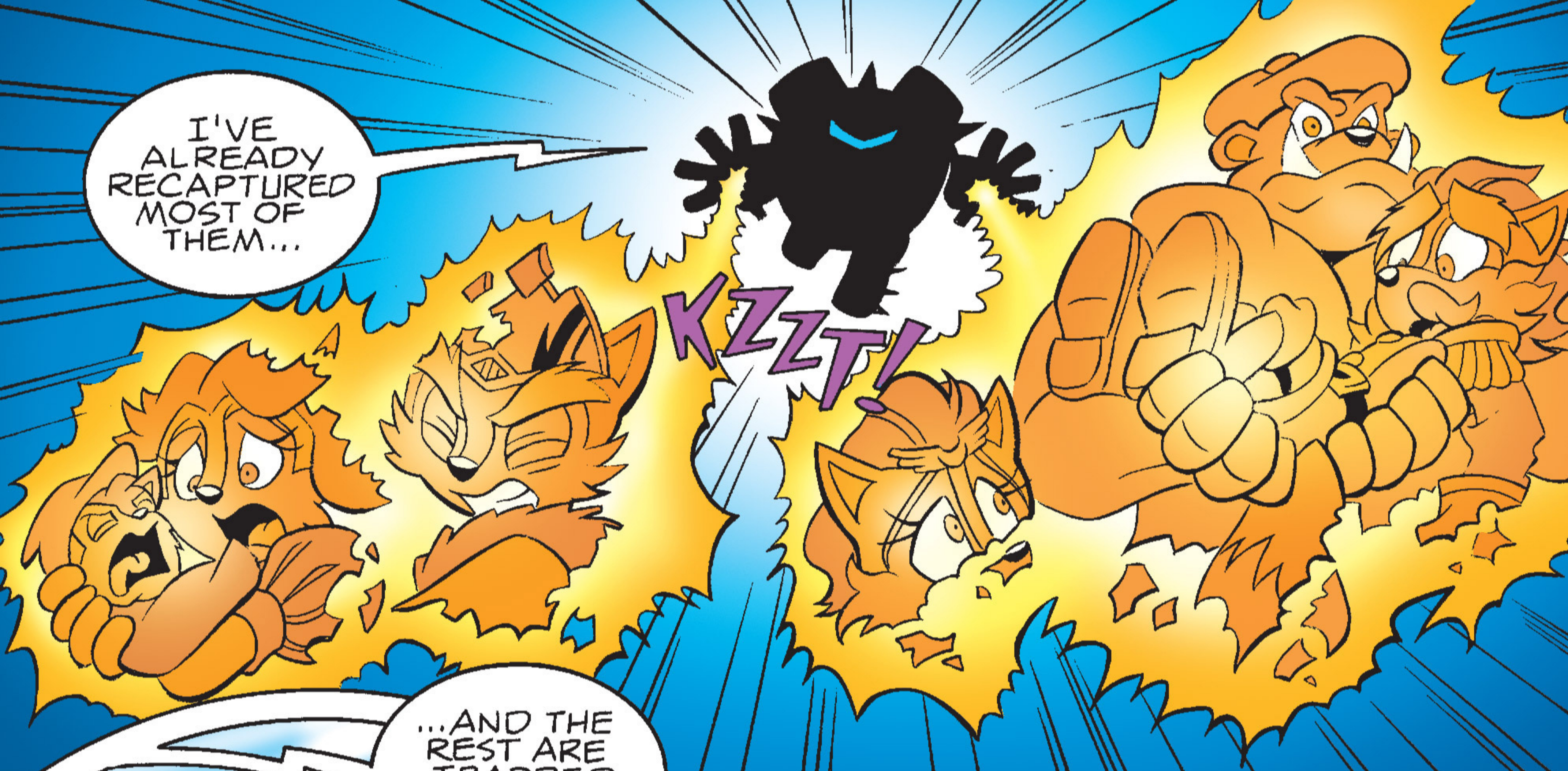
KZZT!

WAIT FOR IT!

UM... SIR?

KZZT!

NOT NOW, SNIVELY.



I'VE
ALREADY
RECAPTURED
MOST OF
THEM...

...AND THE
REST ARE
TRAPPED
AT A DEAD
END!

BUT SIR! THE
TELEPORTING
BEAM IS...

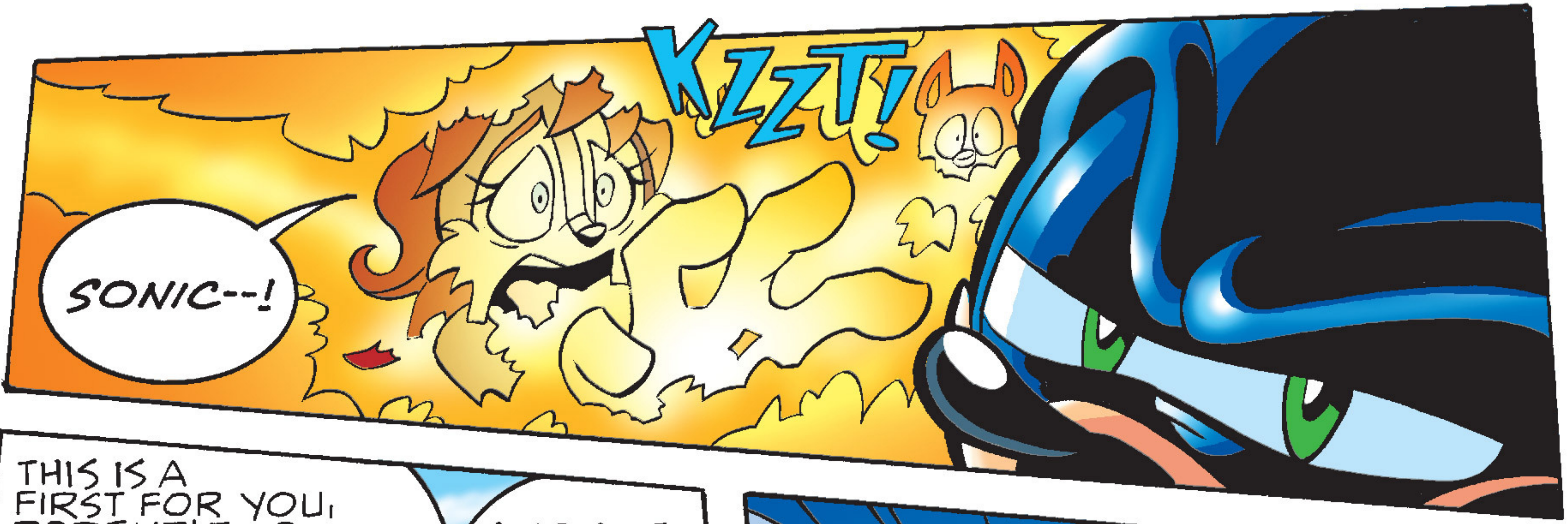
OBVIOUSLY
WORKING! NOW
SHUT UP AND
LET ME
SAVOR THIS
MOMENT!

CAN YOU SPIN
DASH THROUGH THIS
WALL? MAYBE GET
US A WAY OUT?

PROBABLY,
BUT NOT
THIS TIME.

HAVE
YOU
LOST
YOUR
MIND
?!

NO, BUT I CAN'T
EXPLAIN RIGHT
NOW. I DON'T
WANT ROBOTNIK
TO OVERHEAR
AND SPOIL THE
SURPRISE.



SONIC--!

KZZT!

THIS IS A FIRST FOR YOU, RODENT! TWO COLOSSAL FAILURES IN ONE DAY! WON'T YOU PUT UP A FUTILE FIGHT FOR OLD TIME'S SAKE?

AND GIVE YOU THE PLEASURE? NOT LIKELY, CHUBS.

FINE, THEN. JOIN YOUR FRIENDS IN OBLIVION!

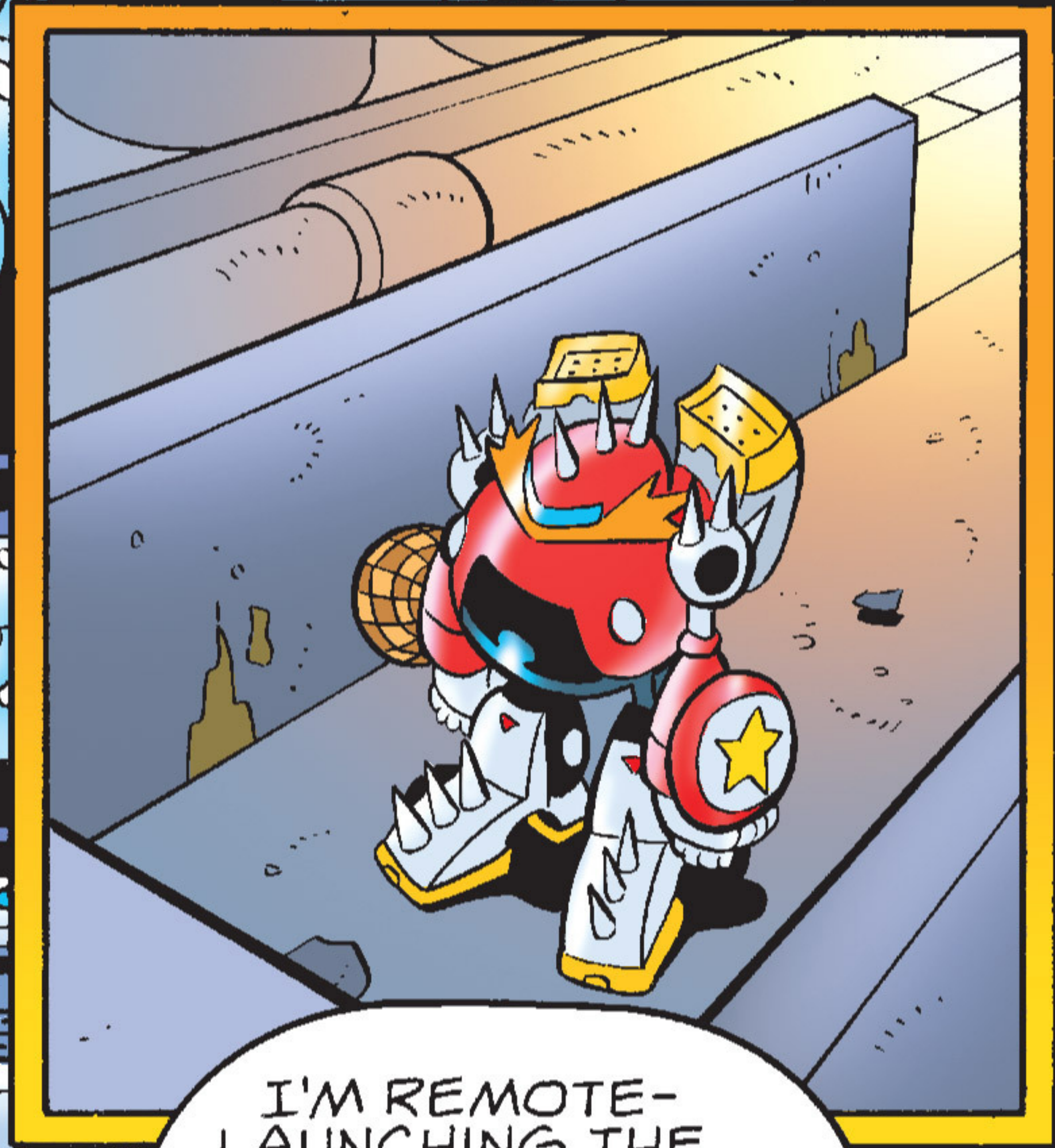
KZZT!

SEE YA ON THE FLIP SIDE, LOSER.

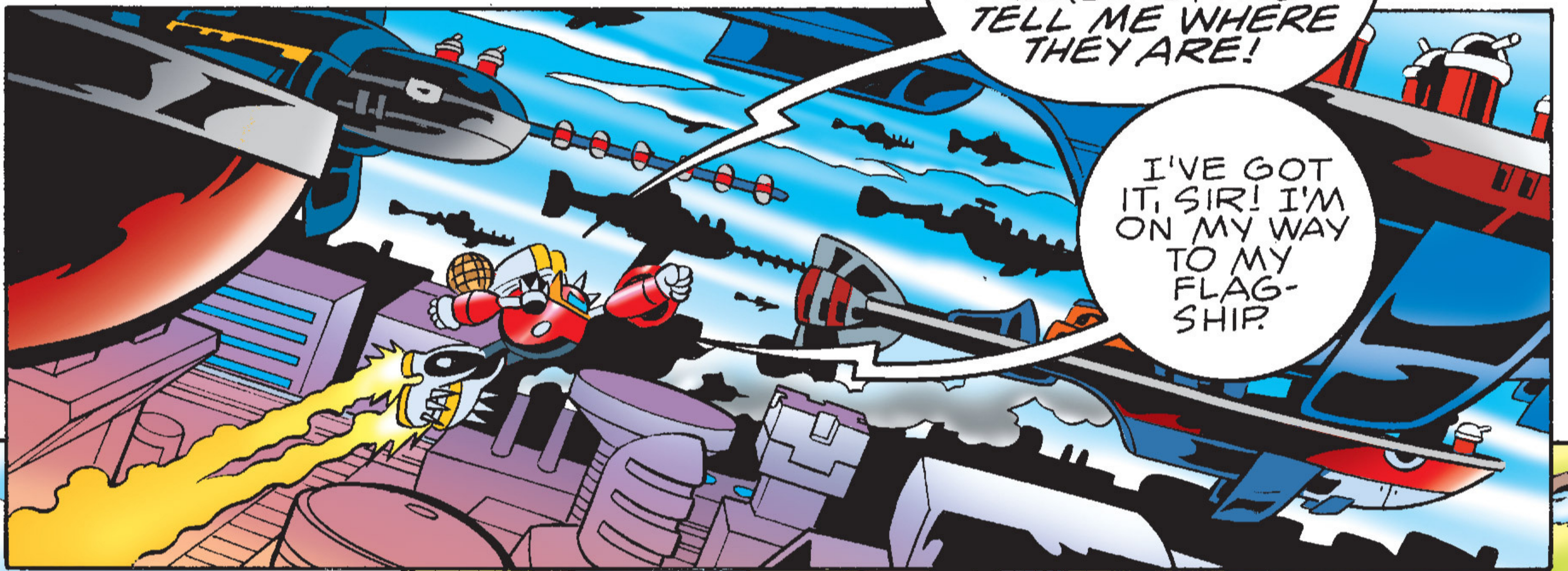
FINALLY I WON! SNIVELY, DON'T START THE EGG GRAPES UNTIL I'M THERE!

BUT, SIR!

I'VE BEEN TRYING TO TELL YOU THE ENTIRE TIME! THE TELEPORTATION FREQUENCY WAS TAMPERED WITH! THERE'S NOBODY IN THE RESERVE EGG GRAPES!

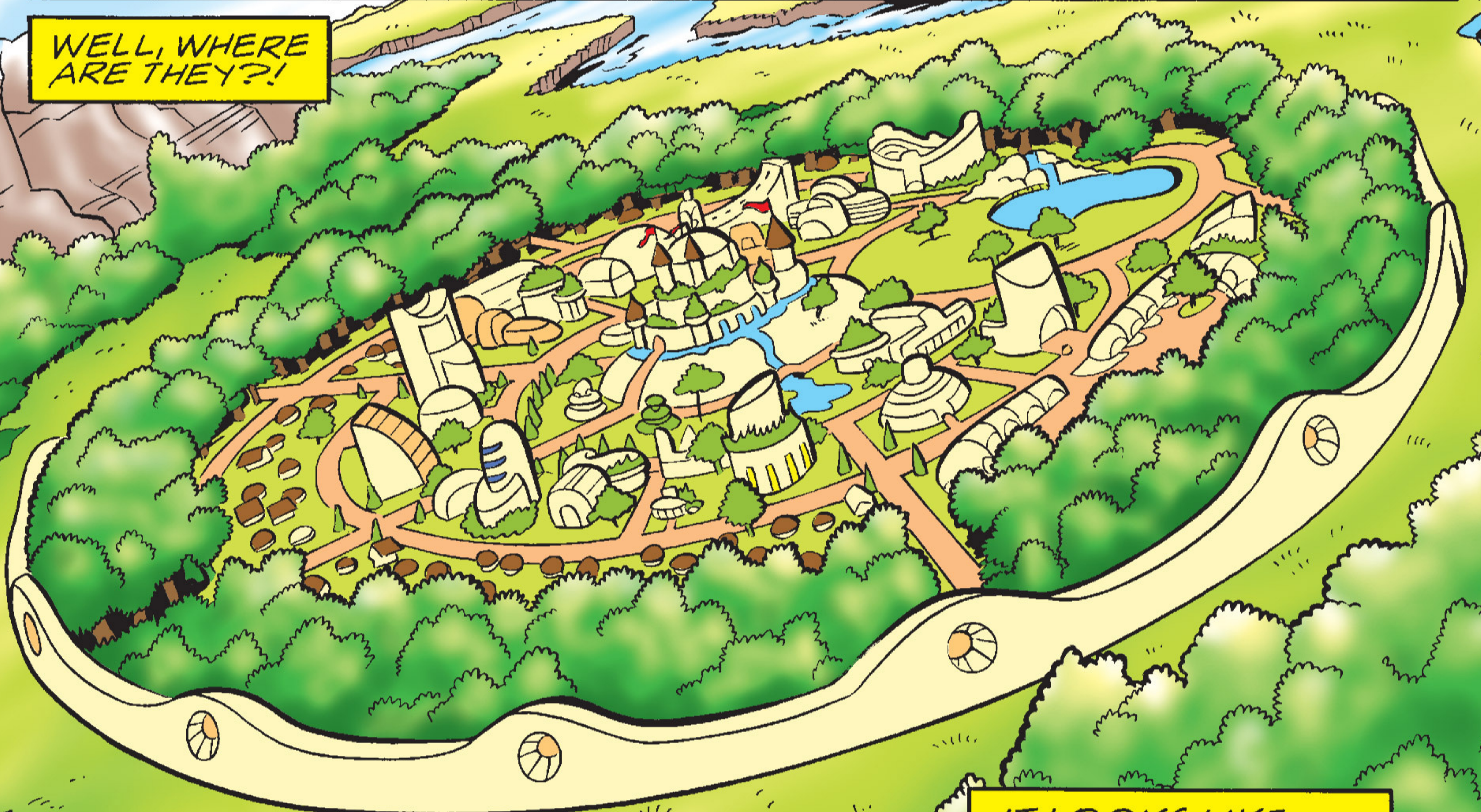


I'M REMOTE-LAUNCHING THE EGG FLEET NOW! TRACK DOWN THAT FREQUENCY AND TELL ME WHERE THEY ARE!

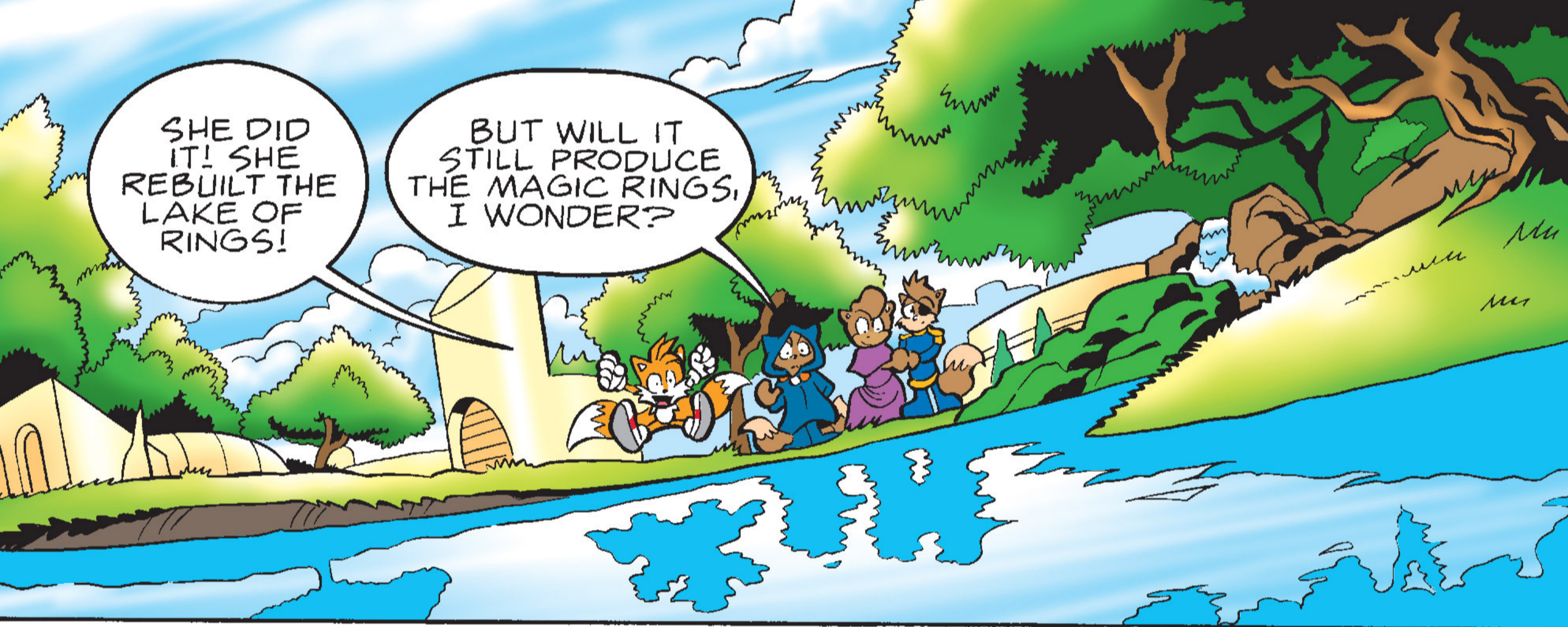


I'VE GOT IT, SIR! I'M ON MY WAY TO MY FLAGSHIP.

WELL, WHERE ARE THEY?!



IT LOOKS LIKE... THE NANITE CITY?!



SHE DID IT! SHE REBUILT THE LAKE OF RINGS!

BUT WILL IT STILL PRODUCE THE MAGIC RINGS, I WONDER?



ALL OF OUR HOMES...

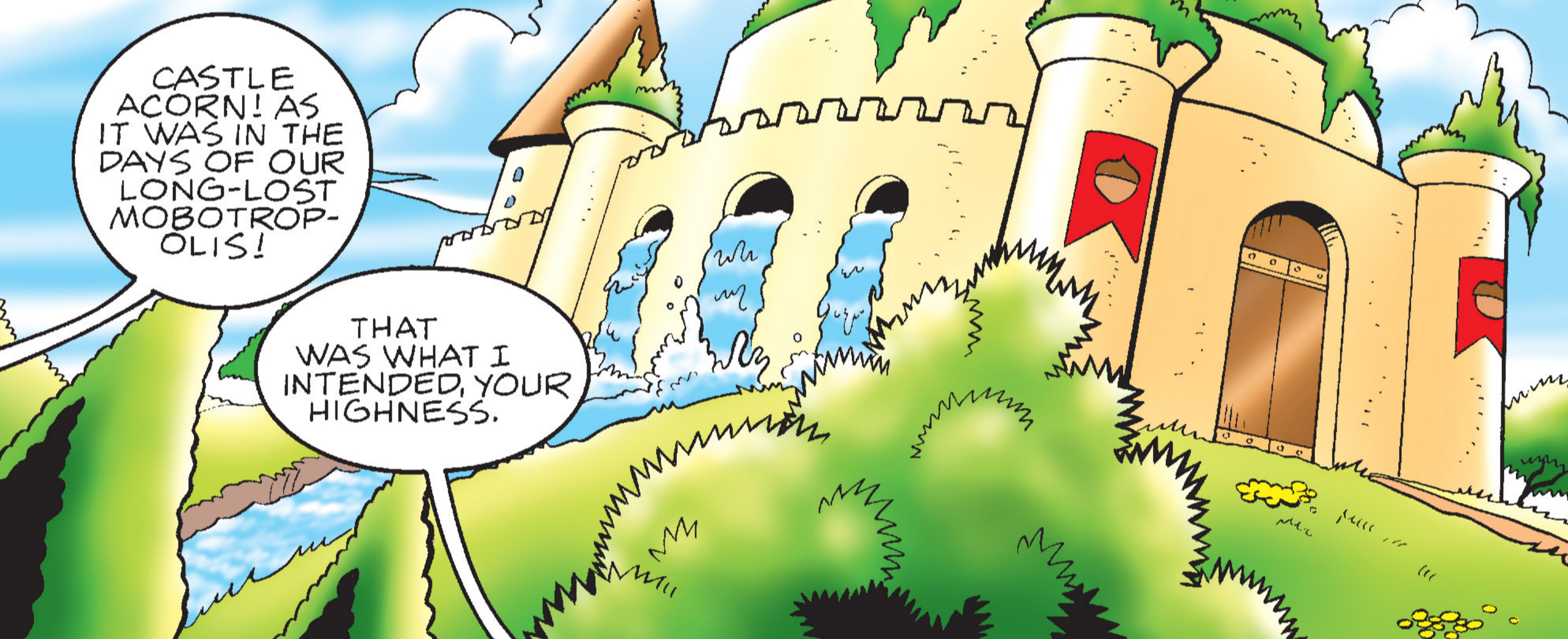
ZEY HAVE BEEN REBUILT!

HEH, JUST "REBUILT," ANTOINE.

FATHER! LOOK--!



BY THE GLORY OF THE SOURCE...



CASTLE ACORN! AS IT WAS IN THE DAYS OF OUR LONG-LOST MOBOTROPOLIS!

THAT WAS WHAT I INTENDED, YOUR HIGHNESS.



...WHOA...



THIS WAS SOMETHING I'VE BEEN PREPARING FOR QUITE A WHILE NOW. DOCTOR ROBOTNIK'S EFFORTS HAVE FORCED ME TO REVEAL THIS BEFORE I WAS FINISHED, BUT ALL THE SAME... WELCOME TO NEW MOBOTROPOLIS! I WILL BE YOUR HOSTESS... NICOLE.



NICOLE!
I DIDN'T
THINK YOU
COULD
MAINTAIN
THAT
FORM.

I COULD
NOT UNTIL I
FOUND SOMETHING
ROBUST ENOUGH
TO MAINTAIN ME.
I BUILT ENOUGH
HOLOGRAPHIC
MATRIXES TO
GIVE ME FULL
USE OF THE
CITY.

GOOD
TO HAVE
YOU WITH
US--
AGAIN.

DOES THE
LAKE OF
RINGS
REALLY
WORK?

HOW DO YOU HAVE
THE POWER TO
SUPPORT A
PHYSICAL FORM?

IS IT JUST
LIKE OLD MOBO-
TROPOLIS?



WHAT
ARE OUR
DEFENSES
HERE?



I'LL ANSWER
EVERYTHING
IN TIME, I
PROMISE!

YOU'VE
ALREADY
DONE A GREAT
DEAL FOR US,
NICOLE.



AND ALL OF
YOU, AS WELL.
WITHOUT YOU, NONE
OF US WOULD'VE
MADE IT TO SEE
NICOLE'S
BEAUTIFUL
NEW CITY.

DO NOT
CONGRAT-
ULATE...

...ALL OF OUR ACHIEVE-
MENTS JUST YET,
PRINCESS. IT DID NOT
TAKE DR. ROBOTNIK
LONG TO FIGURE OUT
WHAT WE DID...

An aerial view of a futuristic city built on a lush green landscape. The city features winding roads, buildings, and a river. Several flying ships, resembling Sonic the Hedgehog's hovercrafts, are in the sky. A large purple dragon-like creature with wings and a tail is flying over the city. The scene is set against a backdrop of mountains and a sunset sky.

...AND HE HAS COME TO FINISH WHAT HE STARTED.

RIGHT WHEN YOU THOUGHT WE WERE GOING TO GET A HAPPY ENDING!
COME BACK IN THIRTY TO SEE IF *SONIC & CO.* WILL EVER ENJOY THEIR
"HOME, NEW HOME!"